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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE object kept in view in the preparation of this Volume has been to supply a series of devotional exercises for the Family, sufficiently simple in their language to be within the understanding of the most ignorant, and sufficiently comprehensive in their petitions to touch the experience of the most cultivated. To combine these two conditions is a task of no easy attainment: but only in proportion as it is accomplished will the essential conditions of family worship be fulfilled.

The devotion of a family stands midway between the spiritual exercises of an individual soul and the services of a public congregation, and partakes in some degree of the peculiarities of them both. The elements of private prayer will be varied as the ever-changing experiences of the individual Christian. To a mind accustomed to examine and review the past, no two successive days will be identical in their results, or wear in the retrospect precisely the same colours. The lights and shadows of the soul are as varied and endless as those of the outward heavens. One day has been a day of temporal mercies, another of temporal chastisement. One day has been spent in the flush of perfect health; and another in the depression of bodily pain and weakness. To-day the Christian is fighting his great warfare amid the bustle of earthly business; to-morrow he may be prostrate upon a sick bed, looking in solitude and silence into his own heart. The circumstances of the spiritual life are yet more diverse than those of the natural. One day may be marked by elevation of spirit and by joy in the Holy Ghost; another by depression of heart and darkness of soul. To-day the Christian may pour out his heart before GOD with a freedom and holy boldness that leaves no want untold, no secret desire unex-

pressed; to-morrow the spirit of prayer may have died away in the heart, and the words of prayer fall slowly and painfully from the lips. What Christian man or woman can be ignorant of the ever-varying circumstances and temptations of the spiritual life? But all these things are the elements that make up private prayer; for prayer to be a reality must be the mirror that reflects the lights and shadows of daily life; in short it must be as varied as the experiences it professes to utter.

With united prayer it is different, and the difference increases in proportion to the number of persons who partake in the common act. In family prayer, for instance, each member of the circle brings his own private experiences with him, but these experiences cannot fully enter into the united devotions, since only that which is felt in common can be expressed in common. There is however no lack of varied subjects in which a most true and actual identity of Christian experience will exist. If in becoming more comprehensive the petitions of the family become less varied, they do not become the less specific. There are providential mercies to be in common enjoyed, and in common acknowledged; temporal bounties to be sought, and divine protection supplicated. Farther than this, there are duties reciprocally due to one another, springing from the several relations in which members of a family stand to each other, as parents and children, brothers and sisters, masters and servants. Wisdom from on high to know what is our Heavenly Father's will, and grace to perform it when it is known, must therefore be sought in common through that Saviour who having "himself suffered, being tempted, is able also to succour them that are tempted." Nor will there exist a family circle upon earth in which there will not have occurred derelictions in the discharge of these mutual duties, which we need to confess together, and together seek forgiveness for them. Of these relative duties there is none more incumbent than the right exercise of mutual influence, that members of a family "may exhort one another and that so much the more as they see the day approaching." But to discharge this how large a measure of grace and wisdom is needed? If the light is dim in the soul itself, the ray it will shed forth to guide and enlighten others

will be faint indeed; and hence prayer for the spiritual state of the common circle and for all those graces which may abound unto mutual edification must enter of necessity into the proper province of family supplication. Nay more still; as those who love one another, if they are themselves born of God, must needs watch and pray over the souls of those who are dear to them after the flesh, and must needs suffer a diminution or enjoy an increase of personal happiness in the religious difficulties or progress of those they love, there is a tie closely knitting the harmonious happiness of the whole circle with the spiritual state of each of its individuals. What an ample field for spiritual exercises is thus afforded in the common hopes and fears of the family, although it does not include the specialities of individual experience.

When we rise from the family to the Congregation we have more comprehensive sympathies, and therefore more comprehensive wants. As the family is made up of individuals, each with their own experience, so the Congregation is made up of families, each with their own experience. The elements of prayer and praise are still less varied and variable. Yet how large and manifold they are even here may be seen and felt by every devout member of the Church of England who joins with the understanding as well as with the tongue in the incomparable Services which the piety of our forefathers, through the good Providence of God, has bequeathed to us.

It is by regarding prayer in these several relations to the individual, the family, and the Congregation, that the much agitated question between written forms of prayer and extemporaneous utterances can be most satisfactorily solved. The devotions of the public Congregation must be of necessity at once the least varied and the most comprehensive. A precomposed form of prayer is therefore most suitable for them, as it may well be doubted whether the mind of any man living is competent to grasp, in an extemporaneous effusion, the large range of topics they involve, reaching from the conversion of the individual soul to the grandest hopes of the Church of Christ at large. While the unvarying character, generally speaking, of the petitions of a Congregation admits of adequate conception before-hand, their comprehensive character requires mature thought for their satisfactory expression.

The very reverse holds good in regard to private prayer. Here the subjects of praise, confession, and prayer, are so infinitely diversified from day to day, that to stereotype them in any one given form of words is simply impossible. To use an unvarying form with an ever-varying experience is to separate the one from the other, and to make prayer itself, in that degree, a formal and unreal thing. To pray is to ask God for what we want, and the whole teaching of the word of God proves that this request, and the faith in which it is to be made, must be equally specific and individual. Thus our Lord in a very remarkable passage, to which it would be well if more attention was given by the Church of Christ, teaches us, "what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark xi., 24. If therefore private prayer is to be the true expression of private experience, it can only be done by the use, either wholly or in part according to individual characters, of extemporaneous supplication.

Midway between private and public prayer stands family devotion, neither so varying as the former, nor so unvarying as the latter. It may well admit therefore either of written compositions or of unwritten effusions. It is not well to judge those who use either the one or the other. They to whom the Holy Ghost has given the gift of utterance may well express out of the fulness of their own hearts its prayers and praises. Those who are differently endowed may well avail themselves of a precomposed form.

This brings us back to the object of the present volume. It claims no originality, but has been designed and executed in the hope of promoting the glory of God by supplying forms which may be suitable for all the classes that make up the family circle, simple enough for the understanding of the child and the domestic, and experimental enough for the adult believer.

May it please God to prosper the design to his glory and to the edification of his people.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we bless Thee for the mercies of the past night, and for sparing us to behold the light of another Sabbath. Grant us grace that we may rest this day according to Thy commandment. Quicken our souls by Thy Holy Spirit, that in all our thoughts, words, and works, we may glorify Thy holy name, and continue in Thy fear all the day long.

We confess, O God, that we are not worthy to come into Thy presence; for we have been sinners from our childhood until now; continually transgressing Thy holy laws. Be merciful unto us, most merciful Father; forgive us all our sin; and speak peace to our consciences, that we may serve Thee this day with quiet minds. Go with us, we beseech Thee, to Thy house of prayer. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. Let Thy grace guide and assist us, that we may enter Thy gates with thanksgiving, and Thy courts with

praise; may we be thankful unto Thee, and bless Thy Name. Let our prayers and praises, proceeding out of unfeigned lips and offered up in spirit and in truth, prove a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable unto Thee through JESUS CHRIST.

O may we this day wait upon Thee in deep humility, that with meek heart and due reverence we may hear and receive Thy holy word. Let Thy truth drop as the rain and distil as the dew upon our hearts, to make us fruitful in every good word and work. May we be doers of the word, and not hearers only. May we watch and pray lest the wicked one come and catch away that which is sown in our hearts.

Carry on in our souls, O LORD, the work of faith with power. Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of Thy will. Sanctify us wholly, body, soul, and spirit, and keep us by Thy power through faith unto salvation, that we may be partakers of that inheritance which is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

We pray for Thy blessing upon all those who by illness, or any other necessity, are prevented from going up to the house of the LORD. O visit them with Thy salvation. Be thou unto them as "a little sanctuary," and may the chamber of sickness and of affliction prove to many none other than the house of GOD, and the gate of heaven.

Remember for good our dear relations and friends. May all who are united to us by the ties of kindred or friendship, be savingly united to Thee by a living

faith, and have fellowship with Thee and with Thy Son, JESUS CHRIST. O give us one heart and one mind, and put a new spirit within us, that we may walk in thy statutes and keep Thy ordinances and do them. O LORD JESUS, Thou that sittest at the right hand of GOD in the glory of the Father, and hast redeemed us with Thy precious blood, grant that we may all be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

We would offer up our prayers, O LORD, for all those who shall this day wait upon Thee in Thy courts. Enable them with joy to draw water out of the wells of salvation. Fulfil the desires and petitions of thy worshipping people, as may be most expedient for them; granting them in this world, knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness. Send down upon them the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour down upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

And as Thy dear Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, we pray Thee, O Thou King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, to take to Thee Thy great power and reign. Let the nations which are now serving dumb idols, being taken captive by Satan at his will, be brought through the eternal Spirit to worship Thee, the Father everlasting, and obtain the salvation which is in CHRIST JESUS with eternal glory. O may it please Thee to have mercy

upon all men; and of Thy great goodness shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom.

We do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness, but for Thy great mercies. We have sinned and done wickedly; but Thy property is always to have mercy.

We ask all for the Redeemer's sake, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

Most gracious GOD, who hast added to our many mercies the enjoyment of another Sabbath, and hast allowed us this day to hear the glad tidings of salva-

tion through the LORD JESUS CHRIST: bless us while we now worship Thee in His name.

Conscious that we cannot retain the good seed of Thy word, or bring any fruit to perfection, without the power of Thy Spirit on our hearts, we, Thine unworthy servants, beseech Thee now to bestow that Spirit upon us. We have this day had life and death—blessing and cursing, set before us. Enable us to refuse the evil and to choose the good. Confirm whatever convictions may have been wrought upon our minds by the truth; and strengthen whatever resolutions we may have formed of living more devotedly to Thee. Let not the seed sown be taken away by the enemy of our souls, before it take root. Soften our stony hearts, that they may receive that heavenly seed. Remove the weeds of wordly cares, which would choke the tender blade; and may our hearts be so watered by the Spirit, that they may bring forth an hundredfold of spiritual fruit, to Thy glory.

And while we feel humbled before Thee under a sense of conscious guilt, and of the imperfection which cleaves to our very best services, we would also praise Thee for whatever enjoyment Thou hast enabled us to find in the services of the day. Praise be to Thee, if JESUS has been seen to be more precious than before; Thy word more faithful and invaluable; sin more exceeding sinful; and the world less desirable as a place of rest. Praise be to Thee if we have felt more

as strangers and pilgrims on earth; if our hearts have been enlarged in communion with Thee, so that we have been willing to be absent from the body, that we might be present with the LORD. Wherein we have failed in this experience, give us still to know it, before we retire to rest; that our souls may not end this day of spiritual feasting in spiritual heaviness; nor suffer want, amidst the plenteous supplies of Thy grace. LORD, we are straitened in ourselves, and not in Thee. We have not, because we ask not aright. We ask with coldness and deadness, when we should cry unto Thee with earnest supplication and fervent desires. Pour upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication, that we may pray unto Thee as we ought; that praying in the Spirit, heaven may be opened to our prayers; and that our souls may receive out of Thy heavenly treasures all needful supplies of wisdom, grace and strength.

Enable us, O LORD, to resolve this night that, the Spirit being our helper, we will no longer endeavour to serve two masters; but that renouncing the service of the world and of sin, we will devote ourselves to Thy service as our Master, our Father and our GOD. Confirm this resolution in our hearts. Give us strength to adhere to it; and to renounce everything that the world admires and esteems, which stands in the way of our entire surrender of ourselves to Thee. We feel that our souls are of more value than the whole world; and that neither pleasure, nor riches,

nor honour, nor all that the world can give is worthy to be received in exchange for our souls. Give us to feel each day, more deeply, the solemn import of the word—ETERNITY. Give us to esteem as they deserve, the trifling things of time.

Again we pray Thee, O LORD, to confirm our good resolutions, formed in Thy strength this night. And may the power of the Holy Ghost so work within us, that if spared to see another day, we may be enabled to resist and overcome the temptations to return to the world and its ways, by which we may be assailed. O for grace to take up our cross and follow JESUS though exposed to trial, and persecution for His sake! Keep us mindful that it is they who suffer with JESUS, who shall reign with Him in His kingdom, while they who refuse the cross and deny Him, shall be denied before the angels of GOD.

O LORD, hear us; answer, and abundantly bless us, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

Our Father &c.

The Grace &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD who hast added to the number of our days, and hast opened our eyes to behold the light of another morning, we beseech Thee still to look upon us and to bless us; shew us the light of Thy countenance and be

merciful unto us. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name; deliver us and take away our sins, for Thy mercy's sake. Pardon and accept us in Thy beloved Son; and in Him let us find plenteous redemption.

And not only may it please Thee to blot out our offences, but also to vouchsafe us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit that we may be sorry and ashamed on account of them; and be enabled to bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

Dispose us this day to serve Thee faithfully, in simplicity and godly sincerity.

Grant that the good seed of Divine truth, which was sown in our hearts on Thy holy day, may not be choked with the cares, or business, or pleasures of this life. Water it abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing; and cause it to bring forth fruit to perfection. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of Thy word; showing ourselves, in all things, a pattern of good works.

O Thou, who hast Thyself suffered for sin in the flesh, arm us likewise with the same mind; that we may no longer live the rest of our time in the flesh, to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. Grant that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Help us to love our neighbour as ourselves; and

to do unto all men, as we would they should do unto us.

May we be jealous over our own hearts, and daily keep them with all diligence, remembering that out of them "are the issues of life."

Be pleased also, O God, to set a watch about our mouths, and to keep the door of our lips, that no communication may proceed out of them, but that which is good for the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And may we always bear in mind, that of every idle word which we shall speak, we must give an account in the day of judgment.

Finally, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, may we think on these things, and have grace to perform them.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us in behalf of others.

Do Thou, who art the wholesome strength and saving health of Thine anointed, pour down the dew of Thy blessing on all the congregations of Thy people; particularly on that which worshipped with us in Thy holy temple, on the day that is past. May they hold fast the form of sound words, in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus. By well doing, cause them to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; that they who are of the contrary part, may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of them.

And grant, O most gracious God, who art the author of peace, and the lover of concord, that those who believe in our days, may all be, as in the days of old, of one heart, and of one soul; and let there be no schism in the body of Christ.

We pray, Thee, also, Thou Who art the portion and inheritance of such as wait at Thy altar, to bless all the Ministers and Dispensers of Thy holy word and sacraments; (especially Thy servant whom Thou hast appointed to minister unto us.) May they not neglect the gift that is in them; but take heed to the ministry which they have received of the Lord Jesus, that they fulfil it. Give them Thy blessing in all their ways. Be with them in their intercourse with their people, in their private meditations, and in all their zealous endeavours to promote the glory of Thy name. Let not their labour of love be in vain; but make the weapons of their warfare mighty to the pulling down of the strong holds of sin and Satan; that the wicked may no longer triumph in their wickedness; but be converted from the error of their ways.

And hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy word, that in every nation of the earth, all men shall know Thee, from the greatest to the least.

Now unto Thee, who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless, before the presence of Thy glory, with exceeding joy, even unto Thee, the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty,

dominion and power, henceforth and for evermore.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD of our salvation, day and night will we cry unto Thee. Bow down Thine ear and hear us. Let our prayer come up before Thee as incense, and let the lifting up of our hands be an acceptable evening sacrifice.

We do not presume to draw nigh unto Thee, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies in CHRIST JESUS. We are not worthy to appear in Thy presence, and implore the smallest blessing at Thy hands. For though Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, yet have we sinned and rebelled against Thee, O heavenly Father, from our youth up even until now. We have broken Thy law, despised Thy gospel, and cast Thy words behind us.

But blessed be Thy name, there is forgiveness with Thee, and plenteous redemption in Thy beloved Son. In Him Thou art a GOD of compassion, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and in truth. For

His sake, therefore, and for Thy name's sake, pardon our iniquity; for it is great. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O LORD; for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. But in the midst of judgment remember mercy. Look upon JESUS, Thine anointed, and save us from condemnation. In Him let us obtain redemption through His blood, even the remission of sins, according to the riches of Thy grace. May each of us retire to rest, delivered from the burden of guilt, and the bondage of corruption, and translated into the glorious liberty of Thy children.

Help us, O GOD, day by day, to examine our hearts and lives, and so to search and try them, that we may know of what manner of spirit we are. Let not a deceived heart turn us aside. What we know not, do Thou teach us. What we know, do Thou enable us to practise. May we both know Thy will and do it.

Give unto us an enlightened and a tender conscience. Suffer us not to grieve Thy Spirit by trifling with sin, and resisting the convictions of our minds; lest we provoke Thee to leave us to ourselves, and to swear in Thy wrath that we shall never enter into Thy rest. But, we beseech Thee, O merciful LORD from whom all good things do come, grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our humble and hearty

thanks for all Thy blessings towards us. How great is the sum of them! If we should count them, they are more in number than the sand. We praise Thee for Thy goodness, which endureth yet daily. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

Trusting to Thy power, Thy wisdom, and Thy care, we cheerfully commend ourselves, and those whom we love, to Thy heavenly protection. Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of the night.

Hear our prayers also on behalf of mankind in general.

In Thee let all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Protect and save the land in which we dwell, and the Church to which we belong.

Bless the rulers whom Thy good providence hath set over us; especially our most gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria. And may we obey them, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake, always remembering, that there is no power but of Thee; that the powers which be, are ordained of Thee.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded.

Look upon those who are lying on the bed of afflictions; and make Thou all their bed in their sickness.

May it please Thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows and all that are desolate and oppressed.

May it please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers; and to turn their hearts.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Graciously hear us, O CHRIST; graciously hear us, O LORD CHRIST.

Hear us, O Thou Spirit of the Father, and of the Son; hear us, we pray Thee, Eternal Spirit.

Hear us, O most Blessed and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons, and One God, this night and for evermore.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; we beseech Thee so to take us under the protection of Thy good providence, that throughout this day, we may be delivered from all the assaults of Satan and from all the snares of a deceitful world.

We beseech Thee that as Thou hast of Thy bounty

raised up our bodies from sleep, so by Thy grace Thou wouldst raise up our souls from sin. Be within us as our strength; be about us as our guard; be before us as our guide; be above us as our sun and shield. Thou art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts, we beseech Thee, the love of Thy name; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, till we come to the life eternal.

Let not our hearts run after that covetousness which is in Thy sight idolatry. Let us remember that earth is not our home, nor its wealth our treasure; that so we may labour to have both our hearts and our treasures there, where there is neither moth to eat, nor rust to corrupt, nor sin to embitter, nor thieves to break through and steal. Keep us from all foolish and hurtful conpromises between God and mammon, that so we may renounce the service of all other masters and may worship Thee and Thee alone. Grant also, O merciful Father, that we may be delivered from all carefulness about earthly things; keep us from all anxious and desponding thoughts about to-morrow's wants, or to-morrow's cares; seeing that there is One in heaven who considereth us, and who will deny to us no manner of thing that is good. Wherefore let us not take thought for our life what we shall eat, nor for our body what we shall put on, but feel assured that if we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, Thou wilt supply every

temporal want of the body, and satisfy the soul with all spiritual blessings in CHRIST JESUS.

And as we pray to Thee for future mercies, so would we bless Thy holy name for those we have already received. We would gratefully acknowledge the constant superintendence of Thy providence; the daily supplies of Thy bounty; our deliverance from many and great dangers; and the merciful alleviations of those troubles Thou hast not seen fit wholly to remove. LORD, show us what a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful; that our souls may magnify the LORD, and all that is within us may bless His holy name.

Teach us, O LORD, in all the perils and dangers of life, to remember that Thou stillest the raging of the sea and the stormy wind when it ariseth. Grant us Thy presence while passing through the waves of this troublesome world. And whilst, O blessed SAVIOUR, we ask Thee to succour us in all times of peril and doubt, we pray that we may never be puffed up with a vain and foolish confidence in ourselves. Let us never recklessly and unbidden enter into temptation, nor without necessity place ourselves in any situation of danger. Suffer us not to forsake the path of duty, sinfully presuming on Thy interposing care, lest for our wilful presumption we be left of Thee to perish.

To Thy providence, O LORD, to bless, and to Thy grace to sanctify, we commend all who have need of our intercessions at Thy throne. Bless our Queen,

and rule her heart in Thy faith and fear; illuminate our clergy with an understanding of Thy sacred word: endue our legislature with grace, wisdom and understanding; and on all the people of the land, bestow a heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments. We ask all for the Redeemer's sake, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Our Father &c.

The Grace &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Thou incomprehensible LORD GOD! in whose sight all things are naked and open, and who knowest the state and character of every individual before Thee; let not any of us approach Thee with our lips, or in form only, while our hearts are estranged from Thy grace and love; but enable us, under a deep conviction of our own guilt and helplessness, to draw nigh unto Thee in faith and hope, pleading the meritorious name and perfect righteousness of JESUS CHRIST our LORD, who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Without this way of access into Thy presence, we could not presume to lift up our eyes unto Thee. We must have been cut off for ever, and bound in chains

of eternal darkness. But, gracious God, encouraged by the revelation of Thy mercy in Christ, we desire now to humble ourselves at Thy footstool with contrition and self-abasement, and to take shelter in Him, acknowledging that there is salvation in no other.

O Thou Holy Spirit, whose office it is to glorify the Lord Jesus, by taking the things which are His, and revealing them to the hearts of Thy people; help us not only to discern His personal glory, and to confess before men that He is our Lord and our God; but likewise to know His mediatorial fulness; that He was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Enable us to submit ourselves to His gracious authority and wise dispensations; making Him the sole object of our faith and hope,—of our love and joy; and yielding ourselves to the guidance of His word and providence. Let Him be the first object of our thoughts in the morning, and the last at night; that so, looking unto Jesus from day to day, and walking in His footsteps, we may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Blessed be Thy name, O God, for the rich treasures of Thy word, and for the exceeding great and precious promises with which it abounds. Enable us to believe them, and to wait with patience for their accomplishment through Christ Jesus, in whom they are all yea and Amen. And O God the Spirit, by

whose divine inspiration the holy Scriptures were written, teach us to know Thy mind therein, and to have a right judgment of every part of Thy blessed word. May we make it the subject of our daily study, and do Thou render it our constant delight; gladden our hearts with a full discovery of the grace which it reveals; and grant that we may daily become more obedient to its sacred precepts,—more humble, more heavenly-minded, more self-denying; till in heart and life we are altogether conformed to Thy holy mind and will.

Look down, O LORD, in mercy upon Thy whole Church; may it be established, strengthened, and settled in the faith of the everlasting gospel. Carry on the work of Thy grace among the children of men. Let there be added daily to Thy Church such as shall be saved. Send forth the glad tidings of great joy to heathen and Mahometan lands; regard in mercy Thine own ancient people Israel: and hasten the time when the wilderness shall be turned into the garden of the LORD, and when all flesh shall see the salvation of our GOD.

And now, O heavenly Father, while we bless Thee for all the mercies of the past day, we beseech Thee to renew Thy mercies to us and to spread Thy protecting wing over us, during the dark and silent hours of the night. And should it please Thee to raise us up in health and safety to see the light of another day, lift up also the light of Thy countenance

upon us; that we may walk before the LORD in the light of the living. Hear these our imperfect petitions, which we offer through the prevailing merits of JESUS CHRIST, our Redeemer. For His sake, take away all our iniquity; receive us graciously, love us freely, and sanctify us wholly; and unto Thy name, Father, Son and Spirit, the Triune Jehovah, be ascribed everlasting praise. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not, we, Thy sinful and helpless creatures, draw nigh unto Thee, humbly relying on Thy grace and mercy in CHRIST JESUS.

Thou hast taught us to believe, that, guilty and weak as we are in ourselves, in Thee, the LORD JEHOVAH, we may have everlasting righteousness and strength.

We bless Thee for having provided a way of salvation for us miserable sinners. We praise Thee for adding to the number of our days, and for affording us fresh opportunities of imploring Thy fatherly forgiveness. And we beseech Thee to grant that we may duly improve them,

Teach us to consider this life as the only season of preparation for another. Suffer us not to waste it in unprofitableness and vanity; and graciously continue it to us, till the work is finished which Thou hast given us to do.

Take away from us the spirit of slumber; and quicken us to greater diligence and activity. Forasmuch as the night is far spent and the day is at hand, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son JESUS CHRIST came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again, in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

Enable us to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of CHRIST JESUS our LORD. And dispose us gladly to suffer the loss of all things, that we may win CHRIST, and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, if by any means we may attain to the resurrection of the just.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction

of Thy Son our LORD. Enable us to forget the things that are behind, and to reach forth to those that are before, that so we may press toward the mark, for the prize of our high calling in CHRIST JESUS.

Defend us, O LORD, from day to day, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until we come unto Thy everlasting kingdom. Strengthen us in every conflict with the enemies of our souls; and comfort our hearts with the full assurance of hope that they shall not finally prevail against us. Grant that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, may be able to separate us from Thy love which is in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.

Bless all who are travelling with us in the way of life. Direct their steps in all things; and make their path as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Establish their hearts unblameable before Thee in holiness till the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST with all His saints.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of those who are walking in darkness, and have no light. Bring them by a way that they know not: lead them in paths that they have not known: make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things do unto them, and do not forsake them.

Quicken in the path of righteousness all such as

are turning aside from it, and uphold them by Thy free Spirit.

We pray Thee, further, in behalf of those who are going forward in the broad road of destruction. Turn their feet into the narrow way that leadeth to eternal life; and give them grace to continue in the same.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants; and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O most gracious and merciful Father, we desire to bless and praise Thy holy name for those great and numberless favours which Thou hast from time to time bestowed upon us, and especially for those mercies which we have this day received from Thy hands.

Thou hast graciously protected and provided for us; we have gone out and come in, and have been preserved from dangers and accidents to which others have been exposed, and are now brought before Thee this evening to acknowledge the goodness we have experienced.

But above all, we would bless Thy name for the spiritual mercies which we have received from Thy hands. Though we are utterly unworthy of the least of Thy loving kindnesses, yet hast Thou not left us without help in our lost and ruined state. Though we are weak and helpless, yet praised be Thy name, that our enemies, who are strong and mighty, have not been permitted to prevail against us. Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the praise.

O grant that we may not be lifted up with pride, and thus fall into condemnation. But while we bless Thee for past mercies, help us ever to remember from whence all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed. Wert Thou to leave us to ourselves, our past experience shews how soon we should forget Thee, the GOD of our mercies, and how awfully the enemy might prevail against us. O do Thou keep us from falling. Keep us close unto Thyself. Let nothing lead us to rely on our own strength or depend upon ourselves, but may we rely continually on Thy almighty power; and do Thou hold up our goings in Thy ways that our footsteps slip not.

We confess, O Lord, that in Thy sight we have done the things we ought not to have done, and left undone the things which we ought to have done. Enter not into judgment with us, for in Thy sight we cannot be justified. Wash away all our transgressions in that fountain which is opened for sin and for uncleanness. Cleanse Thou us from our secret sins;

from our sins of ignorance, of forgetfulness, and of omission, as well as our more open and manifest violations of Thy law; and may all spiritual and eternal blessings be graciously communicated unto us, through the precious blood-shedding and the all-prevailing intercession of Thy dear Son.

Continue Thy loving-kindness unto us, O LORD, and take us under Thy protection this night. Suffer no evil to come nigh our dwelling. May we lie down to sleep with the assurance of Thy favour, and the delightful anticipation of that rest which remaineth for Thy people. When we wake up, may we be still with Thee. May our meditations be holy and heavenly. Fit us for the duties, services, or trials which lie before us, and may we grow daily in meetness for the inheritance of the saints in light.

Raise up and send forth, we beseech Thee, faithful ministers who may proclaim the glad tidings of salvation throughout the world. Dispose the hearts of those in authority to lend their aid; and pour forth Thy Holy Spirit to render their efforts effectual. Hasten, O LORD, the time when the knowledge of Thee shall cover the earth, and when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our LORD and of His CHRIST. Hear our prayers, and accept our services, for His sake; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, help us by Thy Holy Spirit to draw nigh unto Thy throne of grace this morning, and to make known our requests unto Thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. We bless Thee for our creation, our preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Thou hast not only brought us into being, and upholden our souls in life, but to Thee we are indebted for all our personal and family mercies;—for the health, and peace, and safety, and the many comforts and blessings which we severally enjoy. But above all, we especially adore and praise Thee for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, and for all the present and everlasting benefits which flow to us through the kindness and love of God our Saviour. May we receive into our hearts that great mystery of godliness, that God was manifest in the flesh; and that in Christ crucified there is plenteous redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy grace.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the instructions of Thy holy Word. May we ever reckon it amongst our chief blessings that our lot has been cast in an age and country in which Thou dost continue to bless us with

Thy holy Word, the gospel of our salvation. May we acknowledge this Thy goodness to us, and know the day of our merciful visitation; and may we receive the Word with all readiness of mind, search the Scriptures daily, and examine whether what we hear be according to the testimony thereof. But, O Lord, who is sufficient for these things? Thou knowest that we are altogether weak and helpless, that our wisdom is earthly and sensual, and that our souls cleave unto the dust. We lament our slowness of heart to believe all that is written in the law and the prophets; and that we take so little heed to the things which we have heard, that we oftentimes let them slip from our minds, and thus become forgetful hearers and not doers of the word. We are taught, O blessed LORD, that though Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, Thou alone canst give the increase. We believe that Thy blessed Spirit must accompany all our hearing and reading of Thy Word, to render it effectual to Thy glory, and to the communication and increase of knowledge and light, of love and peace to our souls. Pour down upon each of us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may have a right understanding of those Holy Scriptures, which holy men of GOD spake as they were moved by Him. Grant unto each of us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Thyself. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, give us a spiritual discernment of the things of the spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and know

what the will of the LORD is. And help us so to do Thy will, that we may shew forth the power and efficacy of Thy Word in our hearts and lives.

Enable us to follow on to know the LORD; and grant that what we read and hear of Thy Word, may "be mixed with faith" that we may profit and grow thereby. May its doctrines be the constant rule of our faith, its precepts the constant rule of our practice; and may all its promises be fulfilled in our experience: so that the book of GOD may not be sealed, nor Thy gospel hid from us; but that it may be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths; and that we may abound more and more in all joy and peace in believing.

O gracious and long-suffering GOD, though we live in an age when iniquity abounds, and when the love of many towards Thee waxeth cold, we thank Thee that Thy Word is widely disseminated, and that Thy Gospel is faithfully and extensively proclaimed. O clothe it with Thy mighty power, and cause it to reach the hearts of young and old, rich and poor, magistrates and subjects. Shew unto them the light of Thy truth, that they may be made wise unto salvation, through faith which is in CHRIST JESUS. Especially may all our dear friends be brought under the influence of Thy blessed Word and be supported and comforted with the hope of the glory of GOD. Hear and answer us, O GOD of our salvation, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O Eternal God, whose name is love, and who so lovedst the world that Thou gavest Thy only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, help us by Thy Holy Spirit, to believe in Christ Jesus, and trusting in Him to have access unto Thee.

We feel our need of a Saviour for sinners; for we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. When we look back even on the past day, Thy law accuses us of many sins, and our own consciences justly condemn us. We have been forgetful of Thy presence; our conversation has been light and trifling; and we have not with a single eye sought Thy glory, or copied the holy life of our Saviour Christ. He left us a perfect example, but how seldom do we tread in His steps; how little have we of His meekness and lowliness of heart, of His zeal and love! We have sinned against the light of Thy word, and the warnings of our own consciences.

Grant us Thy grace, that we may not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Give us true repentance, and such a sense of our sinfulness as may lead us to despair of salvation by any works of our own; and bring us humbled and penitent to the foot

of the cross. Help us by faith to behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, and depending wholly on Jesus Christ, may we be able to say and feel, "In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."

Teach us to come to Jesus Christ, and to look to Him, not only for pardon and peace, but also for grace and strength. We are weak, but Jesus is strong; grant that we may be made strong in and through Him. Draw us to Christ, that we may receive out of His fulness all that we need, repentance, remission of sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit; that He may dwell in our hearts by faith, and we may be rooted and grounded in love.

We commend ourselves to Thy care during the night. Let no evil come nigh us. May our last thoughts be with Thee; and when we wake up, may we be still with Thee. Refresh our bodies with the quiet repose of the night and renew our spiritual strength. Teach us ever to watch and pray, and to be always ready, seeing we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man shall come. Let Thy providential care be over all that are near and dear to us. We pray for all our relations. May those that are endeared to us by the ties of nature, be yet more dear by the stronger bonds of grace. Grant that we may be all one in Christ Jesus our Lord. We pray for our Christian friends, for our neighbours, and for all with whom we have any intercourse.

Bless those that minister before the LORD. May all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, be faithful, wise, humble and devoted servants of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Everywhere raise up pastors according to Thine heart, which shall feed Thy people with knowledge and understanding. Grant Thy blessing to every missionary now preaching CHRIST to the Gentiles. Cause Jew and Gentile, in every place, to turn to the LORD, that they may be saved. Bring on the happy day, when the Saviour shall return, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd; and they shall not hurt nor destroy in all Thy holy mountain.

O Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, we praise and bless Thee for Thy great and continual mercies to us. Thou givest us all things richly to enjoy. We receive from Thee full provision for all our temporal wants, and Thou forgivest our iniquities.

Like as a Father pitieth his children, so Thou our LORD and Father pitiest them that fear Thee. Thou knowest our frame; Thou rememberest that we are dust. Thou hast had compassion on us in our low and lost estate, and Thou gavest Thy Son to die for us; and now Thou offerest and givest us Thy Holy Spirit, to soften our hard hearts and to help our infirmities. Thou justifiest us freely by Thy grace, adoptest us into Thy family, and givest us a hope full of glory.

Behold what manner of love Thou our Father

hast bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! God of mercy, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be followers of Thee as dear children, and shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, through Jesus Christ.

And now, blessing and honour, and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, whose ears are always open to the petitions of Thy humble servants, unto Thee do we lift up our souls. We would seek Thee whilst Thou mayest be found; and call upon Thee whilst Thou art near.

Dispose us ever to direct our prayers unto Thee, and to look up; and daily at Thy footstool, to wait for Thy blessing, more than they who watch for the morning.

Let us begin every day with Thee. For Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth. How precious are Thy thoughts which are to usward!

Thou hast protected us during the hours of darkness; for the darkness is no darkness with Thee; but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. We have slept, and awoke; and are still with Thee. Thou art a God at hand, and afar off; and none can hide themselves in secret places, where Thou canst not see them.

Whither shall we go from Thy Spirit? and whither shall we flee from Thy presence? If we ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if we go down to hell, Thou art there also. If we should take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there would Thy hand lead us, and Thy right hand hold us.

We humble ourselves before Thee, for the sins which Thy all-seeing eyes have beheld in the course of our lives. Very grievous are they, O Lord, and more than we are able to express; and not one of them is forgotten before Thee. If Thou shouldest be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide? We confess that our hearts cannot endure, nor our hands be strong, in that day, when Thou shalt visit us, if Thou deal with us according to our sins, and reward us according to our iniquities.

But we beseech Thee, O Lord, deal not thus with Thy servants. Blot out the hand-writing that is against us, and take it out of the way, nailing it to the cross of Thy beloved Son. Grant unto us redemp-

tion through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Thy grace. May we be washed, may we be sanctified, may we be justified, in the name of the LORD JESUS, and by Thy Spirit, O LORD GOD.

Let a sense of Thy presence abide with us this day. May we set Thee always before us, remembering that Thou, O GOD, seest us. And since unto Thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid; cleanse, we beseech Thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy Name.

And while we acknowledge Thee in all our ways, do Thou in mercy direct our paths. As Thou didst vouchsafe to lead Thy people Israel in safety through the wilderness, going before them by day in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night, so be Thou mercifully pleased to lead and protect us in the way in which we should go. Stand continually at our right hand, that we may not be moved. Strengthen us with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness—and fill us, O Lord, with a spirit of Thy holy fear, now and evermore.

We beseech Thee, also, O Lord, to give unto our fellow-creatures a due reverence of Thy holy presence.

May the ungodly remember that Thou knowest their manifold transgressions; and that there is no darkness, or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide their heads.

May those, who have hitherto been deceiving themselves, or others, with vain professions of religion, be brought to see that they cannot deceive Thee; and so may they be led to seek Thee in truth and sincerity.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness.

Let Thy presence comfort and support Thy afflicted people; and be a refuge to them in all their troubles.

Furthermore, we pray Thee to dwell in the hearts of all who are near and dear to us; and to make them a holy temple in the LORD, the habitation of Thy blessed Spirit, through JESUS CHRIST our Saviour and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Most holy and blessed LORD GOD, who hast made all things by Thine unerring wisdom; we, guilty and unworthy sinners, desire now to draw near to Thee

with humble and contrite spirits, acknowledging our guilt and sinfulness, and adoring Thine exceeding goodness, loving-kindness, and truth.

Pardon, O Lord, we beseech thee, all our manifold transgressions—our pride, our covetousness and worldly mindedness; our evil tempers, angry words, and sinful affections. Forgive, we beseech Thee, our rebellion against Thy divine majesty, our neglect of Thy Word and ordinances, and our misuse of the time and talents with which we have been favoured. Blot out, for JESUS CHRIST's sake, the transgressions which we have this day committed; give unto us a deep and abiding sense of our exceeding sinfulness; and may the Holy Spirit so take of the things of CHRIST and reveal them unto us, that we may each of us possess in our own consciences the peaceful assurance that our sins are pardoned, and that we are indeed reconciled unto Thee, through the Redeemer's all-atoning sacrifice and prevailing intercession.

Mercifully vouchsafe to deliver us from every evil way. Turn Thou us, O LORD, and so shall we be turned; create us anew after Thine own image, that we may shew forth Thy praise; yea, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Cause our light so to shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

May we ever live in habitual remembrance of the

solemn account which we must give, when we appear before Thy judgment seat; and be continually preparing for that awful day. May we indeed possess such a knowledge of CHRIST JESUS, and such a living union with Him, that we may be always ready for His appearance; and when that triumphant day shall come, may we be enabled to say, Lo, this is our GOD, we have waited for Him; this is the LORD, we will rejoice in His salvation.

We commend ourselves and all that belong to us, to Thy gracious protection. Defend us, our persons, and our dwelling from every enemy and danger this night. Give unto us, we beseech Thee, refreshing rest and sleep: raise us in the morning with renewed strength of body and vigour of mind to serve Thee; and may we at last be admitted into that heavenly inheritance where there is no night, but where we shall receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

Hear us, Heavenly Father, for the sake and through the merits of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST; in dependance upon whose righteousness, and through whose all-prevailing intercession, we offer up these our petitions; and in whose name we would call upon Thee, as

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Almighty and ever blessed GOD, who hast so loved the world as to give thine only begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, mercifully look upon us; teach us to see and feel our need of His salvation, and enable us to entrust our souls into His hand, whose name is above every name, whether in heaven or in earth.

Assist us, by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit, to understand, in some degree, the person, work, and offices of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST; the extent of His love and power, and the abundance of that grace and mercy which is treasured up in him. May He be daily more and more exalted in our eyes; and through faith in His name may we receive pardon of our sins, the comfort of Thy help, and the lively hope of a heavenly inheritance. May the love of CHRIST constrain us to live to Thy glory, to love each other, to put away from us all anger, strife and variance, and to walk in meekness, gentleness and peace.

Preserve us, O LORD, by Thy providence, from all evil and mischief. Be with us in our going out and coming in, and prosper us in the various duties and undertakings, in which we are this day called upon to engage. Prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, for

the approaching day of sacred rest; and teach us so to arrange our temporal concerns, that our thoughts may not be occupied, nor our attention distracted by them, while waiting on Thee. May we never esteem Thy Sabbaths a weariness; but regard them as our privilege, and our delight. By self-examination, and meditation on Thy word, may we obtain increasing acquaintance with ourselves, and be brought to humble ourselves before Thee in true repentance and godly sorrow for sin; and while waiting on Thee, may our strength be increased; our knowledge of Thy truth and will in all respects be enlarged; and every grace be brought into vigorous exercise. May all who worship together with us experience Thy presence and blessing, and be refreshed, comforted and sanctified while meeting together in Thy courts. O send forth many able and faithful labourers into Thy harvest; may increasing numbers be added to Thy church, of such as shall be saved; and may the Sun of righteousness arise upon those now sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

We thank Thee, O Lord, that we have been favoured with the light of Thy word and the instruction of Thy ministering servants. We would praise Thee if our hearts have been in any degree disposed to listen to Thy voice, and bow in submission to Thy revealed truth. Keep us, we beseech Thee, from turning back unto the world; preserve us from every destructive or injurious delusion, and enable us con-

tinually to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our LORD and SAVIOUR.

Prosper the labours of all Thy ministering servants; and be with all who are endeavouring to prepare for the services of the morrow.

Bless all our relations and friends; be Thou their GOD and guide; may they serve Thee all their days on earth, and at length be admitted to Thy kingdom and glory.

Accept our praises for Thy perpetual goodness to us ever since we were born; for our sleep by night, for the pleasant return of light and day, for the use of reason and the means of grace, and above all for Thy chief mercy, CHRIST JESUS. With all that is within us we would bless Thy name for this unspeakable gift, ascribing to Him, with Thyself and the Holy Ghost, all honour, and praise, might, majesty and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD GOD Almighty, who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness? The heavens are not pure in Thy sight; and Thou chargest Thine angels with folly. How then shall we come into Thy

presence, who are transgressors from the birth, shapen in sin, and conceived in iniquity? Our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and testify against us.

We humble ourselves in Thy sight for all our iniquities, and particularly for those which we have committed during the past week. We are sorry and ashamed that we have had Thy glory so little before our eyes. We have sinned against Thee, our neighbour, and ourselves. By leaving undone what Thou hast commanded, and by doing that which Thou hast forbidden, we have broken Thy law, in thought, and word and deed.

If Thou, Lord, wert extreme to mark what we have done amiss, O Lord, who might abide it? Lay not, we pray Thee, our sins to our charge; but wash them away in the fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness.

And while we pray Thee to pardon the sins which we have most grievously committed against Thy divine Majesty, be pleased, O Thou God of holiness, to give us grace and strength to subdue them. Righteous Father: renew us after Thy likeness, in righteousness and true holiness. Make us holy as Thou art holy, and pure as Thou art pure. O God, make clean our hearts within us; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

And seeing that life is short and uncertain, and that every week brings us nearer to the end of all things, enable us to lay aside every weight, and the

sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

O Thou, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto us, that we may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, this night, under the protection of Thy good providence.

Prepare us, both in body and soul, for the holy duties of the approaching Sabbath. Grant that as Thou didst rest on the seventh day, after the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them, and didst sanctify and bless it, so we may rest from the work of our hands and from all earthly cares, to keep the Sabbath of Thee our GOD, both in Thy house of prayer, and also in our dwelling.

Almighty and everlasting GOD, who alone workest great marvels, send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Preserve Thy Church in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace; and overrule its unhappy divisions to the glory of Thy name. As Thou hast

knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son JESUS CHRIST, our LORD, grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come, at the last, to those unspeakable glories, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

Remember, with the favour which Thou bearest unto Thy people, our friends and relations; especially those who desire our prayers for them. And be pleased to hear our petitions for each other.

Finally, we beseech Thee to give unto all men those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul.

Favourably regard, O heavenly Father, this our evening sacrifice; and answer us, we beseech Thee, in these and all our prayers, which we have made before Thee during the week, pardoning what hath been sinful in us, receiving the glory of all that hath been pleasing in Thy sight; and graciously accepting us and our imperfect service at the hands of JESUS CHRIST; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SECOND WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Most merciful Father, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, yet hast encouraged us to make known our requests in prayer, through Thy Son JESUS CHRIST; be graciously pleased to hear and answer us, Thy most unworthy servants, who draw near to Thee, on this Thy holy day.

Lord, we praise Thee for the appointment of the Sabbath—for the ordinances of Thy house—for the ministry of Thy word. But unless Thy Spirit be with us, our service this day will be lifeless and cold. In vain shall we pray, if Thou quicken us not—O, bestow Thy Holy Spirit upon us, that our worship may be spiritual, and that our hearts may be joyful in Thy salvation. Dispose our hearts to receive with meekness the ingrafted word, and strengthen us to retain it, and to bring forth much fruit. Grant us so to enjoy Thy service, that we may praise Thee with joyful hearts.

And, O Heavenly Father, who art pleased, by the foolishness of preaching, to confound the wisdom of

the wise, and to save them that believe, give effect this day to Thy Word preached by all Thy faithful servants. Teach them rightly to divide the Word of Truth, and to give to each of Thy children the portion which may suit their respective wants. And O Thou eternal Spirit, whose sword the Word is, direct it with power to the wounding of the consciences of them who are living without God in the world, and to the rooting out all sinful lusts and affections from our hearts. May Thy servants be taught to lean upon Thee for strength, and not trust to their own understanding; and may they be so filled with the love of Jesus, and of souls for his sake, that out of the abundance of their hearts, their mouths may show forth His praise. May angels rejoice this day in witnessing the conversion of many souls, from the love of the world and of sin, to holiness and to Thee; and may any of us who are yet unconverted, be among the happy number. Be with all those, who by sickness or any other providential impediment, are prevented from attending Thy house of prayer. While unable to come to the stream, may they be made to partake of the fountain of truth. Convince them of their sin, who wilfully neglect Thy public worship, or who attend it in a light and careless spirit. Show them ere it be too late, that while Thy Sabbaths have a blessing to those who improve them, great is the danger of those who neglect or profane them.

Look in mercy upon those who are living in heathen

darkness, and have not heard of the Gospel in which we rejoice. Raise up many, we pray Thee, who will bear to them the message of a Saviour's love. But while we mourn over their darkness, let us beware lest while the light shines around us, we close our eyes and our hearts against it. Bless whatever instruction may be given to the young, this day; and may all who water the souls of others, be themselves abundantly watered of thee.

May the God of peace, who, as on this day brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight. To Him, with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all glory ascribed. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ, with great triumph, unto Thy kingdom in heaven, we beseech Thee to receive us graciously, while through Him, we approach to worship Thee, on the evening of this Thy holy day..

Thou hast added to our blessings the enjoyment of

another Sabbath. Thou hast permitted us to hear what many prophets and kings desired to hear and heard not. We have heard the joyful sound of the gospel of peace. We have heard that reconciliation has been made, through the precious blood of CHRIST. We have heard that in JESUS Thou hast treasured up all needful blessings; and we have been invited to receive out of His fulness, grace for grace. O blessed LORD, we are utterly unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies. We therefore praise and bless Thee, for all the riches of Thy goodness, and with thankful hearts partake of these inestimable benefits. O that we may shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

Give us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy Holy Spirit to dwell within us, to transform us into Thine own image, to deliver us from the love of every thing which is contrary to Thy will; and may we ever advance from strength to strength, till we are filled with all the fulness of GOD. Thou hast encouraged us to ask great things; we come to Thee in obedience to Thy command; we plead the promises which Thou hast given us in Thy word. Fill us with the Spirit. Make us to feel the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and give us to know the abounding love of JESUS—the fulness, and freeness of His grace, the efficacy of His atonement, by which sinners, such as we, may be saved from condemnation. May we have deeper views of the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and of the

exceeding riches of redeeming love. O send the Holy Ghost to establish, to strengthen, to settle, to confirm us in the love and service of JESUS.

Pardon, O LORD, for CHRIST'S sake, whatever Thou hast seen amiss in us, and in our services, this day. Thou knowest our frame; Thou rememberest that we are but dust. We are conscious of much imperfection, but Thine all-seeing eye discovers much more. We bless Thee, that we have a Saviour, who is CHRIST, the LORD. And we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, to have pity upon those who have no pity upon themselves;—who have heard Thy word this day, but regard it not;—who have heard Thy threatenings against the impenitent, but heed them not;—who have heard the declaration of Thy love, in JESUS, and Thy willingness to receive the chief of sinners who come to Thee through Him, yet esteem them not. Lord, awaken them,—convince and convert them, that the word of Thy truth, this day delivered, may not witness against them, and add to their condemnation.

We pray Thee, O LORD, to bless all who have this day been engaged in any work of faith, and labour of love, for Thee. Bless the ministers of the Gospel, who have preached Thy word, this day; and enable them fully to practise what they have faithfully spoken. Bless, we beseech Thee, the preaching of Thy truth to the souls of many in our land. Fulfil Thy promise, that Thy word shall not return to Thee

void. As each Sabbath finds us nearer to eternity, so may it leave us more resolved to live to Thy glory. May all our resolutions be begun, continued, and ended in Thee; and to Thy name be the praise of working in us, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure!

Hear us, O gracious LORD. Pardon our wanderings, and seal us by the Spirit unto the day of redemption, for the sake of our adorable Redeemer, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee, accept our hearty thanksgivings for the blessings of the past night.

We have laid ourselves down and slept, and are now assembled together, to acknowledge that it is Thou only who makest us continually to dwell in safety. Thou art the GOD of our life; day by day will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and look up. Hear us, we beseech Thee, in the multitude of Thy mercies, for the sake of Thy Son JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

The holy rest of the Sabbath is gone by; and we

are now entering on the duties of the various callings in which Thy providence hath placed us.

Grant, LORD, that the day which is past may shed its hallowed influence on this day, and on all the days of the week. Give us grace to engage in the cares and business of life with fear and trembling, as those who know the deceitfulness of sin, and the weakness of our mortal nature. Keep us from the evil that is in the world. Give us that faith which will enable us to overcome its various temptations, to renounce its pomps and vanities, to withstand its allurements, and to disregard its frowns. And grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit. Grant that having been received in the congregation of CHRIST'S flock, and professing ourselves His disciples, we may not be ashamed to confess the faith of CHRIST crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end.

We acknowledge, O GOD, that after former Sabbaths, our vows and resolutions have too often been forgotten, and have passed away like the morning cloud, and the early dew. Strengthen, therefore, O LORD, we beseech Thee, the holy thoughts and desires which may have been produced in our minds. Enable us to show our sincere gratitude to Thee for Thy day of rest, by causing our profiting to appear unto all men.

Make us of good understanding in the ways of godliness. Subdue the workings of our evil hearts. Preserve us from pride and envy, from hatred and malice, from murmurings and disputings, from covetousness and dishonesty, from selfishness and idleness; from unchristian tempers and impure desires; and from all hurtful lusts that war against the soul.

Pardon and correct whatever is sinful in us; strengthen what is weak; confirm what is wavering; supply what is wanting; and make us thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

But without Thee we can do nothing. Prevent us therefore, O LORD, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, the means of grace to all those who attended them yesterday. Water the seed which was sown with the dew of Thy blessing; that being received into an honest and good heart, it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Preserve such as are more especially dear unto us, from being overcharged with the cares of this life. May they show by their conduct, that they have profited by the ordinances of Thy house, and have not received Thy grace in vain.

Pity and convert those who profess to know Thee, but in works deny Thee; and dispose them, in future,

to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called.

Give Thy blessing unto all whom Thou hast set over the congregations of Thy people; strengthen their hands, and comfort their hearts. Keep them stedfast in the faith of CHRIST, and zealous in the cause of Thee their GOD; and may they, and we who are placed under their charge, be accepted of Thee at the last, through the full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction of the same JESUS CHRIST, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Ever blessed GOD, who requirest those who worship Thee to worship Thee in Spirit and in truth, give unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may now offer to Thee a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to Thee, through JESUS CHRIST.

Thou art our Father, who hast given us exceeding great and precious promises in JESUS, the Son of Thy love; and as with Thee there is no variableness, nor shadow of turning, we come unto Thee in reliance upon these promises, for those good and perfect gifts, which Thou hast encouraged us to ask through Him.

But, O LORD, before we present unto Thee our wants, we would confess our unworthiness of the least of Thy mercies. To us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against Thee. We have grievously offended against Thee by our sins; and have provoked Thee to anger by our multiplied transgressions. Have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all our offences. Accept us in Thy beloved Son. Look upon the face of Thine anointed. Wash us in His blood, and we shall be clean; cleanse us, and we shall be whiter than snow; that thus washed, and sanctified, and justified in the name of the LORD JESUS, and by the Spirit of our GOD, we may rejoice in acceptance with Thee, now; and hereafter be presented spotless before Thy presence, with exceeding joy.

Oh, how great is the sum of all Thy mercies to us! LORD, we can neither number them, nor the acts of our own ingratitude. But give to us, we pray Thee, such a sense of Thy goodness to us in JESUS CHRIST, that we may be drawn from the love of earthly things, to the love and enjoyment of Thee. Mortify sin in our members; that all things belonging to the flesh may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us; that we may be holy vessels—partakers of the Holy Ghost—separate from the world and dedicated to Thee. Enable us so to regulate our worldly affairs, that we may serve Thee without distraction; and that while we are not slothful in business,

we may be fervent in spirit, adorning the doctrine of our God and Saviour in all things. Take from our hearts the love of money, which Thou hast declared to be the root of all evil; and fill us with that love which would lead us to relieve the wants of the poor and needy. Subdue all pride in us. Make us lowly in our own eyes, esteeming others better than ourselves. May our minds be kept so continually in a heavenly frame, that our speech may be always with grace, seasoned with holiness. Remove from amongst us all levity of conversation, which is offensive in Thy sight; and teach us rather to love that which is profitable for the use of edifying, and which may minister grace to the hearers.

May Christ be formed in us, the hope of glory; and may our affections be weaned from a world which lieth in wickedness. Do Thou, blessed Lord, separate us from the love of the world which is idolatry; and make us free for Thy service, and the enjoyment of Thy Kingdom. Give us spiritual minds, ever in tune to sound Thy praise, and to tell of Thy salvation from day to day. Teach us more and more, to follow the rule of Thy Word, and to be conformed to the example of the Lord Jesus.

And now, Lord, that we are retiring to rest, we beseech Thee to be about our bed, as Thou hast been about our path this day. Let no harm come nigh our dwelling, nor any evil thoughts disturb the peace of our minds; keep us mindful, that ere long we

shall sleep the sleep of death; and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be now, and ever, acceptable unto Thee, O LORD, for the sake of JESUS, our strength, and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Most gracious GOD, who art always more ready to hear, than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, receive the humble petitions which we present this morning at Thy throne of grace, in the name of JESUS CHRIST. We are not worthy, O LORD, that Thou shouldest give any heed to us; and if unworthy in our own sight, how much more in Thine. But adored be Thy goodness, which measures not Thy gifts by our deservings, but by the worthiness of JESUS, Thy beloved Son, in whom Thou art ever well pleased. For His sake, hear and answer the prayers which we now offer up unto Thee.

LORD, our wants are many. Yet not for earthly

things do we make request of Thee. We leave it to Thy wisdom to give what Thou seest needful of the things of this life. But we would draw largely upon Thy bounty for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls. We are travelling through a wilderness, where no spiritual food is produced. We come to Thee for the nourishment which our souls require. Give us this day our daily bread; our needful supply of grace, for the wants of the day on which we are entering. Give us abundantly, we pray Thee, that we may be strengthened for Thy service. O blessed Lord Jesus, our risen and exalted head, maintain in us, we pray Thee, our spiritual life this day.—Thou hast received gifts for men, and Thou dost give to every one severally as Thou wilt. Give unto us a large supply of Thy Spirit. We feel how utterly unable we are in ourselves to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. O strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man; fill us with His sanctifying power, that we may be holy vessels, meet for the Master's use. Enable us to glorify Thee in the earth; and to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do.

Give us such desire for the one thing needful, that we may lean upon Thy promise and take no anxious thought for the things of this life, being assured that Thou wilt provide. We acknowledge with shame, that the care of the perishing body has engaged more of our time and our thoughts, than the care of our

immortal souls. Let us do so no longer, O LORD. Thou hast allowed us to trust Thee for the things of this life; enable us to do so. And henceforth may our chief concern and care be about the things that belong to our everlasting peace. O, give us faith to live with eternity in view; to walk, this day, as though it were our last day; to do everything as in Thy presence, and to Thy glory. Solemnize our hearts with the sense of the uncertainty of life, the worthlessness of worldly things, and the value of our never-dying souls. And may the Spirit impress these Thy words upon our hearts—"What is a man profited, though he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Thou, LORD, hast assured us, that whatsoever we ask of Thee in CHRIST's name, Thou wilt give it us. We ask these things in that name, which is above every name—that name at which every knee shall bow—the name of JESUS. Give to us for His sake what we have now requested; and give us also those things which through our ignorance we have omitted to ask, but which Thou who knowest all things, seest that we have need of. To Him, with Thyself and the Holy Ghost, be everlasting praise ascribed. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Thou adorable Redeemer, who hast taken away sin by the sacrifice of Thyself; and by one offering, hast perfected for ever them that are sanctified; through Thee we approach the throne of grace this night, and worship our Father and our God.

We adore Thee, O heavenly Father, the Author of all our mercies, for the many tokens of Thy love which Thou hast given us; for Thy holy word, and for Him whom that word reveals—the Lord Jesus Christ. And we praise Thee for the gift of the Spirit, by whom Thou hast sent that word to us, and by whom alone we can be led to the knowledge of its holy truth. Bestow upon us the Spirit, to lead us into all truth; to show us things to come; to purify us from sin; and to sanctify us to our Master's use. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

Thou hast added to our lives another day, O Lord. Thou hast been about our path, and hast spied out all our ways. Thou knowest what we have done and said amiss, and what we have left undone. We could have no hope of salvation, had we not a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. O enable us to take refuge in

Him; wash us from our sins in His most precious blood: and grant us each day an increased supply of the Spirit, that we may be delivered from the power of sin, and walk more closely with Thee in spiritual life.

We know, O our GOD, that the ways of sin are ways of slavery; but Thy service is perfect freedom. Give us grace to resist sin, the world and the devil. Let us testify by our lips and by our lives, that Thy ways are ways of pleasantness, and all Thy paths, peace. Give us a rejoicing spirit. Testify to our souls that Thine anger is turned away from us through CHRIST JESUS; that believing, we are complete in Him; that He is our peace. O give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowledge of CHRIST; that the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of our calling. And enable us to walk worthy of that calling, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

LORD, increase our faith, and perfect that which is lacking in it, that we may be strong in faith, giving glory to Thee. Give us the faith that leans upon the hope of future glory, content with present suffering. Give us the faith which works by love—which purifies the heart—which overcomes the world. Put Thy fear as well as Thy love, into our hearts, O LORD, that we may dread to offend a GOD of love. Enable us not only to avoid evil, but the appearance of it. Clothe us with humility—with that meek and quiet spirit,

which is in Thy sight of great price. Grant us to experience more of the death of sin, the life of righteousness; that CHRIST being formed within us by the power of the Spirit, we may be daily transformed into the same image, from glory to glory. Let us not be careful or troubled about earthly things, which perish in the using; but let our anxiety be, to be conformed in all things to the example of CHRIST JESUS, that when this world and all that it contains shall have passed away, we may be partakers of a heavenly inheritance, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we now commend ourselves. Teach us to remember Thee upon our beds and to meditate upon Thee in the night watches. Grant us such peace of mind, such an assured hope of future glory, that death may lose its terror to us; and that we should rejoice, should we sleep this night, in JESUS. Do for us exceeding abundantly above all we deserve, or what we, in our ignorance, have asked, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, JESUS CHRIST, our only Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Almighty and everlasting GOD, who, though the adoration of the heavenly host is unworthy of Thy

Majesty, yet art willing to welcome even sinners who come unto Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son; hear us, while through Him we draw near unto Thee, and present this our morning sacrifice.

We thank Thee for protection during the past night. We thank Thee that we were allowed to lie down in peace, and to awake in safety. O what cause have we to praise Thee, when we consider the miseries to which others of our fellow-creatures have been exposed, and from which we have been preserved! How many have been suffering from want and wretchedness during the past night, while we were in ease and comfort! How many lay upon beds of sickness, racked with pain, while we have enjoyed refreshing sleep! How many lay down in health, and slept in death, before the return of light, while we are still in the land of the living! How many, thus called, are now lifting up their eyes in torments; while we are still spared to hear that the door of mercy is yet open—that JESUS still waits to be gracious—that there is still pardon through His precious blood—that this is still the accepted time and the day of salvation.

Praised be the LORD for His unnumbered and most unmerited mercies! Let all that is within us, praise His holy name. Where should we now have been, had death visited us during the last night? LORD, Thou knowest. Make those of us, who have hitherto rejected the LORD JESUS, and who are still unprepared to die, dread to spend another day without having ob-

tained life through the Saviour's death. Thou art more willing to give, than we are to ask. LORD, lead us all to JESUS, that those who have not known Him, may this day be made acquainted with Him as an all-sufficient Saviour; and that they who have known Him, may know Him still more perfectly.

Pour upon us an abundant measure of the Holy Ghost. Make us holy:—enable us to forsake sin; to give up the world and its pleasures; to avoid the company of those who would entice us to sin; and to follow JESUS in the narrow way that leads to life eternal. Make us to hate all sin, and, by the power of the Spirit working in us, may the love of holiness be so planted in our hearts, that we may find more enjoyment in its ways, than we ever had in the ways of carnal indulgence.

May the Spirit enable us, from love to Thee, to conform to the precepts of Thy holy word. LORD, Thou hast given us talents to employ in Thy service. Make us faithful servants. Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content; and not distrust or disobey Thee, by seeking to lay up for ourselves treasures upon earth. Be Thou our portion from day to day, that having our treasure in heaven, our hearts may be there also; and all we have shall be devoted to Thy service.

Blessed JESUS, we know not how soon Thou mayest appear to take account of Thy servants. Keep us each day, each hour, watching for Thy coming; and so

let us live in Thy presence, that we may rejoice in the prospect of Thine appearing.

All our prayers and praises, we present unto Thee, O LORD, in the name of Him, through whom alone we look for acceptance with Thee—the LORD JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, we come to present our evening sacrifice before Thee, in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Thou hast commanded us to pray always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. Bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, the gift of the Holy Ghost, that we may be enabled to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto Thee through JESUS CHRIST. Let us not be satisfied with the form of worship; may we enjoy it as an unspeakable privilege, thankful to be allowed to make our requests known unto Thee; and may we now enter into the holiest by the blood of JESUS.

Another day is gone, O LORD, and we are so much nearer to our eternal home. Thy goodness has followed us this day, and preserved us from many dangers, to which we may unconsciously have been exposed. It is Thy hand that has guarded us, and

clothed us, and provided for us our necessary food: we would bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and for all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world by our LORD JESUS CHRIST; for the means of grace; and for the hope of glory.

But in vain, blessed LORD, shall Thy goodness be presented before us; in vain shall the matchless love of JESUS be proclaimed in Thy word; unless Thou remove the blindness from our eyes, and the Holy Spirit take of the things of JESUS and shew them to us. Do Thou enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts. Remove from our hearts their natural enmity to the things that are spiritual; give us a hungering and a thirsting after righteousness. May the Spirit give us the light of the knowledge of Thy glory, in the face of JESUS CHRIST. We would be wholly Thine, O blessed LORD JESUS. So fill our hearts with Thy love, that we may be content to bear insult and shame, reproach and suffering, that we may be more like Thee and more enjoy Thy love. May we be crucified to the world as Thou wert. May we lose our relish for mere earthly enjoyment, having tasted the higher joy of communion with Thee. O remove every cloud of sin or unbelief that would hide Thee from our view. In Thy presence is fulness of joy. We would live in Thy presence. Heaven will be perfect happiness, because we shall see Thee as Thou art. Give us to enjoy a heaven upon earth, by causing us to walk in the light of Thy countenance.

O LORD, teach these precious truths to all Thy dear children, that they may speak often to one another of Thine amazing love, and help each other forward as they pass through this wilderness. And have mercy, we pray Thee, upon those who know Thee not and therefore love Thee not. Give them the Spirit of conviction, of conversion, and of love. Shew them that all the pleasures the world can afford are not worthy to be compared with the joy of reconciliation with Thee, through the blood of the Lamb, and with the glory that is to be revealed, when the LORD JESUS shall appear the second time unto salvation. O hasten that glorious time, when Thou shalt reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before Thine ancients gloriously. O give the Spirit with power to Thy Church, that we may be raised above the world and worldly things; and may be so filled with joy at the prospect of Thy coming, as to count all earthly things but loss in comparison with the glory which is to be revealed.

Bless us this night for JESUS' sake. May the peace of GOD which passeth all understanding be our portion. Should our rest be disturbed, may our thoughts be with Thee. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O GOD of our salvation; but seal us by the Spirit unto the day of redemption for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Thou, whose name is Jehovah, whose creatures we are, by whose mercy we have been preserved hitherto, and upon whose bounty we depend for the supply of all our wants; it is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times give thanks unto Thee, and worship at Thy footstool from day to day. We praise Thee that Thou hast permitted us to do so, this morning; that Thou hast provided a way of access to Thyself, through our LORD JESUS CHRIST; and that by Him, we come not only with acceptance, but with the well grounded assurance of being supplied from Thy bounty with whatever is needful for us, in time and to all eternity.

We know not, O LORD, what is for our good. Give us, therefore, food and raiment and make us therewith content. But we cannot err in seeking for spiritual blessings. Give us true repentance for all our sins, a deep sense of our own unworthiness. Make us to feel more strongly the corruption of our own evil hearts, that we may trust them less, and look to Thee more earnestly for strength to resist their unholy propensities. Give us a lively faith in the blood of JESUS: for His sake forgive us all that is past, and give us an abundant measure of Thy Spirit to shed abroad the love of JESUS in our hearts, to purify us

from all sinful desires, and to make us faithful witnesses for Thee in the midst of an ungodly world. Enable us to manifest in our lives the power of godliness; make us living epistles, read and known of all men; make us temples of the Holy Ghost; and may our lives proclaim that GOD is in us of a truth.

LORD, we pray Thee to give us greater light and enjoyment in the reading of Thy holy Word. May we feed upon its precious truths, and love it as the record of our Father's will. May we find it profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; and may we, by it, be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Grant, LORD, that we may not be carried about with every wind of doctrine, tossed to and fro; but may the Spirit lead us into a sound interpretation of Thy holy Word; that we may grow up into CHRIST in all things, being nourished with the sincere milk of the Word.

Enable us to walk in wisdom towards them that are without; to reprove sin in the spirit of love; and to show that while we hate the sin, we are moved by kindness towards those whom we are called to rebuke. Give us grace to set a good example in our own life and conversation, and to correct those faults in ourselves, which we perceive in others.

LORD, increase our faith, and perfect what is lacking in us, that we may be strong in faith, giving glory to Thee. As we have received CHRIST JESUS, enable us so to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and

established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. We bless Thee, gracious LORD, that we have heard the sound of the Gospel. Oh! may our advantages not turn to our greater condemnation; nor may we be found amongst those unprofitable servants, who knew their Master's will but did it not.

Accept our thanks for the blessings of the past night; keep us this day in Thy faith and fear. May we walk as in Thy presence, assured that there is not a thought in our hearts, but thou knowest it altogether; and may we do all things to Thy glory.

May the GOD of peace sanctify us wholly; may our whole spirits, souls and bodies, be preserved blameless, unto the day of the glorious appearing of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. May we then appear with Him in glory. We ask all for the same Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O Thou that dwellest in the highest heavens, before whom angels veil their faces while they worship Thee, it is meet and right that we should

draw near to Thee in deep humiliation. Give us, most mighty GOD, a due sense of our unworthiness, whilst we address Thee.

And yet, LORD, we praise Thee, that we can approach boldly unto Thy throne of grace. We come to Thee with the confidence of children towards a loving Father, through JESUS, who has reconciled us unto Thee by His blood. Take from us the natural mind which is enmity to Thee; that as Thou art willing to receive all who come to Thee through CHRIST, none of us may reject the mercy which Thou hast offered to us in Him. LORD, if we love Thee, it is because Thou hast first loved us. Enable us to do so more perfectly. Overcome in us the power of a carnal mind. Make us daily, through the Spirit to partake more and more of the mind that was in CHRIST JESUS.

O blessed LORD JESUS, who hast promised to Thy Church, that the Spirit should abide and dwell with it, to comfort it till Thou dost come again, give to each of Thy members what we need to enable us to serve Thee, that Thy name may be glorified in us. Sanctify us, that we may have peace in ourselves, and that we may show forth the power of the Spirit in our holy lives.

Give us, O Heavenly Father, a clearer knowledge and perception of the truth of Thy holy word. Teach, reprove, correct, instruct us, by it in righteousness. May the Spirit lead us into all Thy truth, even into

the deep things of God. Make us more acquainted with the deceitfulness of our own hearts. Strengthen us to resist and overcome the devices of Satan. Enlighten our consciences and incline us to obey its warnings. O, let none of us ever provoke Thee to give us over to a reprobate mind. Awaken the careless; confirm the weak; and strengthen Thy people in their most holy faith. Teach those who call themselves by Thy name, to deny themselves, to take up the cross and follow Jesus, to come out from the world and to resist sin. Make us holy, in all manner of conversation; and make the multitude of them that believe to be of one heart and one mind.

Keep us mindful, we pray Thee, that in the midst of life we are in death. We know not what a day may bring forth. O, enable us to live in such continual communion with Thee, that the call of death may be to us a cause of rejoicing, and the advent of Jesus the fulfilment of our dearest hopes.

We give Thee thanks, O gracious Lord, for Thy care of us during the past day. A thousand ills might have befallen us, if Thou hadst not watched over us; and Satan might have prevailed over us, if Thou hadst not strengthened us to resist. Wherein we have yielded, pardon our sin, through Jesus; wherein we have overcome, to Thyself be all the glory. O support us from day to day, till the journey of this life being over, we shall rise to inherit that heavenly city, where sin and sorrow shall be no more, and where

there shall be no more night, for the Lamb shall be the light thereof. Grant this, good LORD, for JESUS CHRIST's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O Thou GOD of all grace and mercy, the giver of every good and perfect gift, pour down upon us the spirit of grace and supplication; enable us to draw near unto Thee in an acceptable manner; and open our lips, that we may show forth Thy praise.

Vouchsafe unto us, O LORD, Thy presence and Thy blessing. May we henceforth walk in newness of life, as children of the light and of the day. Draw us and we shall run after Thee; May Thy strength be perfected in our weakness, and by the power of Thy grace may we be enabled to obtain the victory over this present evil world.

We are not able of ourselves to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. O may Thy Holy Spirit enable us to mortify and subdue every evil desire and corrupt affection. Communicate unto us abundantly His divine influences. May that gracious promise be fulfilled in us, "I will walk among

you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people." Write Thy law in our hearts, and put it into our minds, that we may not depart from Thee. Dispose our hearts to love and serve Thee: and preserve us from temptation; or if tempted, strengthen us by Thy Spirit to resist and overcome it.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that we were born in a Christian land, and have been numbered among Thy people. Grant that we may not rest in the mere profession of Thy truth, but may indeed experience the inward life, and grace, and power, of Thy Holy Spirit in our souls. May that grace be this day manifested in our walk and conversation. May we remember that we are not our own, but are bought with a price; and enable us to glorify Thee with our bodies and our souls, which are Thine. Make us watchful over ourselves,—watchful against all evil. May we strive against sin, and follow after holiness; and may all our thoughts and words and works be pleasing and acceptable in Thy sight.

Bless, defend, and prosper, this our land; the Queen whom Thou hast set over us; and all who minister and are subject unto her. May true religion revive amongst us; and prosper every attempt made for the spread of Thy gospel in those lands which are enveloped in darkness and the shadow of death. Grant that all who know Thy name may rejoice in Thee; may bring forth abundantly the fruits of holiness; and prove indeed that they are Thy redeemed people.

Bless all our relations and friends with all spiritual and eternal blessings in CHRIST JESUS. Enable us to go from strength to strength, and continually to grow in grace; that so at last an abundant entrance may be administered unto us into Thine everlasting kingdom and glory.

We ask every mercy and blessing for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, in whose name and words we further call upon Thee, saying—

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Blessed LORD, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, and in them hast revealed to us Thy love in giving Thine only Son to die for our sins; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life. Make us to feel that it is indeed a blessed hope;—a hope to secure the enjoyment of which we shall be gainers, even if we part with all we possess. May JESUS be precious to us, more precious than thousands of gold and silver. O may our hearts

rejoice in Thy salvation, that we may say in sincerity, "Whom have we in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that we desire beside Thee."

Gracious Lord, Thou hast added to our lives another day. More privileges—more blessings have been bestowed upon us; what shall we render to Thee for all the benefits that we have received from Thee; for life, for health, for food, for raiment, for preservation from a thousand evils to which others are exposed, for the means of grace, and above all for the hope of glory, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord! We have nothing to give, which we have not first received from Thee. We can only add to our debt of gratitude and draw a plea from all Thy bounties, to ask Thee still for more. We pray Thee to add to all thine other gifts, the gift of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to make a right use of them and to enjoy them. Enable us by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit to mortify the flesh with its affections and lusts which are opposed to Thee; let us be so united to JESUS, as to lose our love for every unlawful earthly object, and for every lawful one which interferes with our devotedness to Thee; and to walk through the world as JESUS did, as strangers and pilgrims. Deliver us from the love of the world. We have promised to renounce it, with its pomps and vanities. But, LORD, we cannot do so of ourselves. Endue us, then, with power from on high, planting the love of heavenly things within us, and mortifying our attachment to the things of the

world. Strengthen us by Thy Spirit in the inner man, that we may have power and strength to resist and overcome the devil, the world, and the flesh, and may each day that brings us nearer to our eternal home, find us more weaned from the world, and more united to CHRIST.

Pardon, O LORD, all the sins of which we have this day been guilty whether they be sins of omission or commission. Give us such contrition of heart for offending against Thee, a GOD of love, as may make us more watchful over ourselves, should we be spared for another day. Give to us that godly sorrow which worketh repentance not to be repented of, and a thorough hatred even of the appearance of evil. Make us a holy people, that Thy name may be sanctified in the midst of us.

For all the blessings which we enjoy, accept our earnest and grateful thanks. May we lie down at peace with Thee through JESUS; and may a sense of reconciliation, through His blood, give joy and comfort to our hearts. Should we be visited this night by sickness or death, may every fear be removed in the confidence of acceptance in JESUS. Give us that confidence if we have it not; that so they, who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage, may know the glorious liberty from danger and from fear, which is to be enjoyed through the Saviour of sinners.

LORD, hear us: LORD, answer us; and abundantly

bless us for the sake of Thy Son, our Redeemer, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Almighty GOD, our heavenly Father, who dwellest on high, and yet humblest Thyself to behold the things which are done in heaven and in earth; we, Thine unworthy servants desire to praise Thy holy name, for encouraging us to draw near unto Thee as our reconciled GOD and Father, through Thy dearly beloved Son, our LORD JESUS CHRIST. We would praise Thy holy name for all the mercies and blessings vouchsafed unto us in creation and providence: but especially would we adore Thee that Thou art in CHRIST, reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing our trespasses unto us.

LORD, give us deeply to contemplate that glorious display of Thy divine perfections which was exhibited in the gift of Thine own dear Son; and may that discovery of Thy love and justice, Thy mercy, faithfulness and truth, be indeed made known to all the earth, and fill every soul with reverence and love to Thy holy Name. And grant that we may indeed be truly devoted to Thy service, and live to Thy glory; and may

the kingdom of Thy grace be established in each of our hearts. Let the glad tidings of salvation through the Redeemer's atoning sacrifice be proclaimed throughout the world, and may multitudes in every place receive Him as their anointed king. Accomplish, we beseech Thee, O LORD, the number of Thine elect, and hasten Thy Kingdom; that we, with all those departed in Thy faith and fear, may rejoice in Thy presence, in glory everlasting.

O free us from the bondage of Satan, and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from all sinful thoughts and practices. May we rejoice to do Thy will and run with willing steps in the way of Thy commandments. Yea, grant, O LORD, that as the angels in heaven delight in serving Thee, so we may always rejoice in obeying Thy holy precepts. Grant that, both with our lips and in our lives, we may shew forth Thy praise; may our whole souls be devoted to Thy service, and may we walk in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

Accept our thanks and praise for the provision Thou hast mercifully vouchsafed us in times past. Give unto us this day our daily bread. Feed us with food convenient for us. May we use the gifts of Thy providence with temperance, gratitude, and praise. And O grant unto us that better bread which came down from heaven; enable us so by faith to feed in our hearts on JESUS CHRIST our LORD, that our spiritual life and strength may be sustained, and that

we may advance and grow continually in Thy most holy faith and fear.

Preserve us by Thy mighty power from all the assaults and temptations of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. We have no might to resist the enemies with which we are encompassed. O grant us that grace, which is sufficient for us. Protect and defend us, we humbly beseech Thee, this day. Keep us from pride, malice, covetousness, and every evil word and work. Assist us in the duties of our place and station, and enable us to perform every work and service as in Thy sight and to Thy glory. O let not our enemies prevail against us, but may we be enabled by faith to overcome the world, to resist the devil, and finally through Thy mercy be more than conquerors.

Thine, O LORD, is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; to Thee belongs the praise of all that is good; for it is by Thy grace alone that we are delivered from this present evil world. Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name, be all the praise. Help us that we may daily love Thee more and serve Thee better. O fill the earth with Thy glory, subdue the nations to the obedience of faith, and hasten that glorious time when the kingdoms of this world shall indeed become the kingdoms of our LORD and of his CHRIST, and when He shall reign for ever. O help us continually to meditate upon that day; prepare us more and more for the glorious appearing of the great GOD, even our Saviour JESUS

CHRIST; and grant that when he shall appear, we may be owned and accepted by Him, and hear the joyful sound, Come ye blessed of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. We ask every mercy for His sake; To whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Most blessed LORD, by whose kind providence we have been brought in safety through another week, and are now graciously permitted again to meet at Thy footstool—have mercy upon us, receive us favourably for JESUS' sake, and manifest Thyself to our souls, whilst we now approach Thee in His name.

We come to Thee with humility and yet with boldness. Thou hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, how shalt Thou not with Him also freely give us all things? We are poor and needy, but in Thee all fulness dwells. Oh give us out of Thine abundance all things which we require both for the life that now is and for that which is to come. We

are unable of ourselves to supply our smallest want, but Thou hast promised that those that fear Thee shall not want any good thing; we now claim Thy promise, give us grace to serve Thee in all we do, with humble confidence that though all things should seem to go contrary to us, yet all shall in the end turn out for our real benefit. Give us such a measure of earthly goods as Thou seest to be best for us, but oh leave us not destitute of the things that accompany salvation. Fill us with the Holy Ghost, that the life that we now live may be by faith of the Son of God. Make us monuments of Thy grace, and of Thy redeeming love. Let none of us now kneeling before Thee, be absent from the number of those, who shall appear with Thy Son in His glory.

O heavenly Father, we confess that we are too much occupied with the things of time and sense; that we cannot shake off the world and its ties, as Thy Word directs. Do Thou so reveal to us by the Spirit the powers of the world to come, that the things of this world may lose their value in our eyes. We have a crafty enemy, who watches for our halting, and suits his temptations to our peculiar weaknesses. Do Thou interfere on our behalf. Strengthen us with might, by Thy Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and

height, and to know the love of CHRIST, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of GOD.

And grant to Thy Church at large, O LORD, the full enjoyment of Thy heavenly gifts. Send forth the Comforter to abide with Thy Church, till Thou dost return in Thy glory. Manifest Thyself in the midst of Thy people, and make them a holy temple, to be inhabited of Thee. Pour out Thy Spirit abundantly on those who are to preach Thy Gospel on the morrow. Take from them all dependance on human power or wisdom, and teach them to trust alone to the accompanying power of the Holy Ghost. And do Thou bless their faithful testimony, and give them many souls for their hire. Raise up many more to testify of JESUS, and extend Thy kingdom everywhere. O prepare the hearts of the thoughtless, the careless, the ungodly, and the worldly-minded, to receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save their souls, and let not Satan choke the good seed, by the weeds of worldly cares. May the coming Sabbath be a blessing to each of our souls—a day in which the LORD may be magnified amongst us.

Bless the various institutions in our land, established to benefit the poor, the sick, and the needy, or to promote the knowledge of Thy holy Word. Give to their directors a single eye to Thy glory; and may they be taught to look to Thee for that blessing which alone can give success to their labours. Take charge of us,

this night, O LORD; and refresh our weary bodies with needful rest. To Thy care, O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves in the name of JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THIRD WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast spared us to see another day of sacred rest, enable us to keep it holy unto Thee. May we remember Thee as our Creator, who having in six days made this world and man to inhabit it, didst rest on the seventh day, and command man to keep it holy; therein to celebrate Thy praise, and rejoice in Thy goodness. We bless Thee that when sin had entered into the world, and death by sin, Thou didst reveal Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, through whom sinners may approach Thee as a reconciled Father and Friend. We would admire Thy glory in the works of creation, and in the course of Thy providence, but still more would we praise Thee for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, and for giving Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification. Enable us by Thy Holy Spirit so to meditate on these things, that our hearts may be humbled in repentance, inspired with confidence, filled with admiring love and

gratitude, and prepared to render Thee our tribute of praise and thanksgiving.

Teach us to hallow this Thy day. Let not our minds be too much occupied with worldly thoughts; and may we devote the chief part of this day to the study of Thy word, to the review of our past lives, and to pouring out our hearts before Thee. May we go into Thy house trusting in Thine abundant mercy, and do Thou graciously meet and bless us; grant us the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; raise our thoughts and affections to things above; and may our prayers and praises be acceptable in Thy sight through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Prepare our hearts to receive the seed of divine truth: may we hear Thy word with humility, receive it with faith, and apply it to our own hearts and consciences. Convince us of our sins, confirm our faith, encourage our hope, and enliven our affections.

Bless all who shall assemble with us in Thy courts; and look in mercy on those who have hitherto been strangers to Thy saving grace. Arouse the indifferent, guide the inquirer, comfort the broken-hearted, and excite the lukewarm and slothful to diligence and activity. Be with all Thy servants, who labour in the word and doctrine; may they rightly divide the word of truth. Give them wisdom, zeal, faithfulness, and compassion; remove every hindrance to their usefulness, and grant them abundant success.

Enlighten the dark parts of the earth with Thy saving grace; and remember, with especial favor, those who are employed in distant regions in making known Thy gospel; support them under their trials, make their efforts successful, and raise them up many helpers. Purify Thy Church from scandals and heresies; and may grace, mercy, and peace, be with all them that love the LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity.

Look in mercy on those whom Thou hast visited with sickness or family afflictions, and supply to them, by Thine immediate teaching and blessing, the want of public ordinances. Pity the multitudes who profane Thy Sabbaths, and give them repentance unto salvation. Be with us through the day; may we be edified, Thy name glorified, and our imperfect services graciously accepted through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Most gracious and merciful GOD, the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and, through Him, of all those who believe in His name; we desire to present

ourselves before Thee this evening, in unfeigned humility and with lively gratitude.

We are utterly unworthy of the many favors which Thou art continually conferring upon us; we have no claim for the least of all Thy mercies, and all Thy truth, which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servants.

We therefore devoutly praise Thee for all Thy goodness to us in providence and in grace. Bless the LORD, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits!

We thank Thee, more especially, this evening, for the mercies and privileges of the Sabbath; for the Word of Thy grace which has been read in our hearing; for the message of Thy Gospel which has been announced for our acceptance; and for the opportunities which we have enjoyed of worshipping Thee in quietness and without alarm.

We thank Thee for any disposition which Thou hast given us to value these privileges, and for such measures of Thy grace as Thou hast been pleased severally to confer upon us.

Nevertheless, thou knowest, O Lord, how frail and feeble we are in our best and most favoured condition; how prone we are to wander from Thee, the GOD of our salvation; how liable to forget the blessings bestowed, and the obligations consequently laid upon us.

O let not the privileges of the Sabbath, to the close of which we are now brought, be remembered against us in judgment; but may the blessed results of them

be found in us at the day of the appearing of Jesus Christ.

To the prayers which we have presented to Thee this day, both in public and in private, may we receive an answer of peace, for the Redeemer's sake, and through his prevailing intercession.

And grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Forgive, we pray Thee, whatever has been defective in our services, and whatever in our conduct has been inconsistent with our holy profession. Though iniquity cleaves even to our holy things, do Thou, most merciful Father, accept us in the Beloved.

May the same blessings which we now ask for ourselves be granted to all who have this day worshipped before Thee, and listened to Thy Holy Word.

May that Word, through Thy gracious providence, be communicated to those who have hitherto been destitute of the heavenly treasure, and may they receive it in love and gratitude, to the salvation of their souls.

Bring into the way of truth, we humbly beseech Thee, all such as have erred and are deceived.

Succour, help and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation; and be pleased to have mercy upon all men.

We pray Thee to take us under Thy protecting care through the approaching night; to defend us from all dangers, ghostly and bodily; and to invigorate us by refreshing rest for the duties of another day, if it be Thy will that our lives should be continued to us.

Prepare us all for the night of death. Whenever it arrives, may we sleep in JESUS; and at the last day, may we awake to a joyful resurrection through Him. We humbly implore this and every other mercy in His name, and in reliance upon His mediation.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee, such good things as pass man's understanding, grant that the outgoings of every morning and evening may praise Thee, and let Thy servants rejoice in giving praise for the operation of Thy hands.

By Thy goodness we are all of us alive this day. Through another night have we been preserved from sickness and sorrow; from foes and danger; from bodily pain and from sudden death. And now another day's mercies are renewed to us, and further space for

repentance is given unto us; and we come to Thee for Thine enlightening wisdom to direct, and Thine upholding mercy to save. Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help. Give us grace to watch against our weaknesses and to amend our ways, that we may be conscientious in all our dealings, pure in all our thoughts, upright in all our actions, and in all our words truthful, forgiving and kind. Let not neglected duties nor unsanctified employments this day grieve us with a troubled conscience, or give us cause to lie down in sorrow; but let all our works be begun, continued and ended in Thee, and let all our desires and aims be to glorify Thy holy name. Wheresoever we go, and in whatsoever we do, may we have regard to the precepts laid down for us in Thy holy word. Keep us mindful that the flesh is weak, even though the spirit is willing. Preserve us from confidence in the flesh; from dependence upon our own strength; from leaning to our own understandings. Make us watchful against the devices of Satan, conscious that it is only through the strength of One who is mightier than he, that we are able to stand and do not fall utterly away. Shew us how insufficient we are of ourselves to do anything as of ourselves. We cannot merit anything of Thee. To believe on Him whom Thou hast sent is the way to work the works of God. We therefore pray Thee that Thou wouldest send Thy Spirit into our hearts, constraining us to accept Thy

gracious invitations to a perishing world. O enable us to come to Thee with weary and heavy-laden hearts, so to find rest for our souls. Raise us now from the death of sin; and at the last day raise us again in glory, honour, and immortality.

Finally, good LORD, we beseech Thee to hear us, that it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men; upon our Queen, that she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and upon our rulers, that they may govern in the spirit of Thy holy fear. Regard the universal Church, that it may be kept continually in Thy true religion; and visit all the unconverted nations of the earth, that they may become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His CHRIST.

We pray for our families, that Thou wouldest bless them; for our enemies, that Thou wouldest forgive them; for the friends of whom we stand in doubt, that Thou wouldest effectually call them; and for all who speak or think evil of Thy true religion, that Thou wouldest be pleased to turn their hearts. Grant this, O LORD, for Thy dear Son's sake, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Father of all mercies—our reconciled Father in CHRIST JESUS, teach us to pray unto Thee in the

Spirit, and answer the prayers which Thou dost teach us to offer up. We come unto Thee in the name of JESUS; for His sake, hear us and bless us.

Thy goodness has brought us to the close of another day in safety. We praise Thee for Thy providential care of us; and for all the blessings of this life, which we have so undeservedly received at Thy hands. But above all, would we adore and magnify Thy holy name, for the provision Thou hast made for our spiritual wants in JESUS, the Son of Thy love. Praised be Thy name, that He, who knew no sin, became sin for us. Praised be Thy name, that Thou hast accepted the sacrifice of JESUS in our behalf, that Thou art reconciled to us in Him; that Thine anger is turned away from us; and that through Him we have access with boldness unto Thee. Praised be Thy name, that in Him all fulness dwells, and that we are called to receive grace out of that fulness. We come to Thee this night, to draw from that store of spiritual blessings which is treasured up in Him. We entreat Thee to pity the weakness and infirmity of Thy poor children on earth; and to give us a taste for spiritual pleasures. Give us such a hungering and thirsting after Thee, that earth and all the fulness of worldly things may not be able to satisfy us. Establish Thy throne in our hearts. Let not the world, the flesh, or the devil, have possession of us. Subdue every thought to the willing obedience of Thee; work Thou in us, by the

mighty power of the Holy Ghost. Give us grace to resist, and strength to overcome, all the sinful lusts and desires of the flesh. May CHRIST be formed in us, the hope of glory. May the life, which we now live, be by the faith of the Son of GOD. Create us anew by the Spirit in the likeness of Thy Son, that the mind that was in Jesus, may be also in us. May the work of the Spirit be so manifested in our lives, that they who fear Thee not may be constrained to acknowledge, that GOD is in us of a truth.

LORD, Thou knowest all hearts. Thou seest whether we all have been taught by the Spirit to love the LORD JESUS, and to flee to Him for refuge from the wrath to come. If any who are here present are still strangers to Thee, O send forth Thy spirit into their hearts. Awaken them from their spiritual slumber, raise them from the death of sin, to walk with Thee in newness of life, and let the lives Thou hast bestowed be consecrated to Thy service.

And now, blessed LORD, we commend ourselves to Thy care and keeping this night. Thou art the Shepherd of Israel who neither slumberest or sleepest. Watch over us, and guard us from all harm both of body and soul. Keep us in that continual sense of Thy presence and enjoyment of Thy love, that we may fear the grave as little as our bed; that we may even rejoice in the prospect of the end of life, and of the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom. Wean our affections more and more from the present world; and

give us to realize daily more and more, the glories of of the world to come; that so we may live as strangers and pilgrims upon earth, knowing that the glory thereof fadeth away. Enable us to walk with Thee through life, so shall we enjoy that peace which passeth all understanding: then shall we gladly hail the coming of JESUS; or awake to rise and reign with Him on the morning of the resurrection.

Grant these our petitions, O heavenly Father, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, take us at the beginning of this day under the shadow of Thy wings, and enable us to commit ourselves, souls and bodies, in all things to Thy guidance and keeping.

We acknowledge, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, and that it is not in man that walketh, to direct his steps; that we know not what is good for us all our days, which we spend as a shadow; neither can we tell what shall prosper to us, either this or that.

Grant therefore, O LORD, that in the day of prosperity we may be sober, and in the day of adversity contented.

We pray Thee, O merciful Father, to give us at all times a patient and trusting heart. Make us to feel, amidst all the troubles which may assail us, that all is well which Thou permittest, and that all things shall work together for good to them that love GOD. Teach us that afflictions, rightly received, are the gift of Thy love, the mark of Thy children.

We bless Thee for manifesting Thyself to us as a GOD that hearest prayer; as a Father waiting to bestow on His believing children the gifts of His Holy Spirit, and the earnest of the inheritance of heaven. Pour out upon us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of grace and supplication. And since, O LORD, Thou hast permitted us to call Thee our Father, oh enable us to trust a Father's wisdom, and make us to know a Father's love. We know, O LORD, that Thou wilt not give us stones for bread; for what good canst Thou withhold from them for whom Thou hast given Thy only Son. Oh, give us to welcome that Son in all His saving and sanctifying power. Let us receive Him as our King that He may put down all our enemies, and receive Him into our hearts that we may indeed become the sons of GOD.

Give us grace, O LORD, not to rest satisfied with the first convictions of an awakened conscience. If through mercy we have been called to a knowledge of Thy truth, grant that we may increase daily in

spiritual strength; give us to testify boldly of the grace of JESUS; in nothing terrified by the adversaries, but declaring openly what the LORD hath done for our souls. We pray Thee also to give rest to Thy church, that it may walk in the fear of the LORD, that the comfort of the Holy Ghost may be upon it; and that many may believe in the LORD. Make its ministers faithful and diligent; multiply the number of those who do honour to the cause of pure and undefiled religion; and grant that we may not only be led in the way of truth, but may hold the faith in the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

And seeing that Thou hast given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, we pray Thee to remember Thy word unto Thy servants upon which Thou hast caused us to hope. May Thy presence go with us as we enter upon the duties of the station to which Thy providence hath called us. Bless, LORD, our substance, and accept the work of our hands; let us dwell securely by Thee, and so guide and guard us through all our days, that we who are Thy servants and sheep of Thy pasture, being taught of Thee in the good and right way, may not fail finally to attain Thy heavenly promises, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Thou infinitely great and gracious LORD GOD, whose tender mercies are over all Thy works; we Thy sinful creatures, desire to admire and adore that patience which bears with us, notwithstanding all our provocations, and that never-ceasing bounty which supplies our wants, and bestows unnumbered comforts upon us.

We would draw near to Thee this evening as our merciful GOD and Father in JESUS CHRIST; humbly beseeching Thee to wash away all our sins in His most precious blood, and to give us Thy grace and Holy Spirit, that we may henceforth walk in newness of life. Thou didst create us, O LORD, after Thine own blessed image; but we are fallen from our first estate, and are sinners both by nature and by practice; so that Thou mightest justly swear in Thy wrath, that we should not enter into Thy rest: yet LORD, we come unto Thee, pleading Thy gracious promise, that he that cometh unto Thee through the mediation of Thy dear Son, shall never perish, but have everlasting life. LORD, we believe, help Thou our unbelief! give unto us that unfeigned repentance towards Thee and that living faith in our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that we may be of the number of those who repent and believe to the saving of the soul.

Keep us, O LORD, from being led astray by the sinful inclinations of our own hearts; preserve us from the love of this present evil world, and from everything which opposes Thy grace, and is injurious to our souls. Enable us to escape all the snares of temptation; make Thy way plain before us; assist us to embrace the invitations of Thy word, and may our own experience of the blessedness of Thy people animate us to increasing diligence. Stablish us in Thy fear and love; strengthen us to perform Thy will; and settle our faith on CHRIST, the rock of ages. To Thy mercy in Him we would humbly commit ourselves this night; be Thou our defence and our shield. Grant us, if it please Thee, rest of body and peace of mind. Let the voice of joy and health be heard in our dwelling; comfort all who mourn; relieve the distressed; and sanctify the trials of the afflicted.

Teach us, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes, and may we keep it unto the end. Incline our hearts to Thy testimonies, and cause us to go in the path of Thy commandments, for therein is our delight. May the law of Thy mouth be dearer unto us than thousands of gold and silver; and may the Holy Spirit accompany Thy word with saving power to our souls.

Remember with the favor that Thou bearest to Thy people, all our absent relations and friends: be indeed a friend to them; and may they and we be accepted here in CHRIST JESUS, and be admitted hereafter to Thy heavenly kingdom. Yea, mercifully

pour forth Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Bring those near unto Thee who are yet afar off. May the Jews be indeed converted to the faith of CHRIST, and may all the ends of the earth submit themselves unto Him.

Hear us, O LORD, we humbly beseech Thee, and have mercy upon us, for His sake; to whom with Thyself and the blessed Spirit, be ascribed everlasting praise and glory, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Almighty and most merciful GOD, who art the Author and giver of all good things, we thank Thee that we have been brought in safety to the beginning of another day. Grant that we may begin and end this day with Thee. Thou art good and doest good; teach us Thy statutes.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, O LORD our GOD; we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, and for all the manifold and wonderful mercies, vouchsafed to us, Thy unworthy creatures. O that the remembrance of Thy goodness and of our own unworthiness, may be the means of filling our hearts with increased love towards Thee,

and of causing us to walk more watchfully and more humbly before Thee.

We beseech Thee, O LORD, to take us under Thy guidance and protection this day, and enable us to spend it according to Thy will. Grant to us the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name.

Preserve us from following the devices and desires of our corrupt hearts, from leaning to our own understanding, and trusting to our own strength. Grant that by looking unto Thee for the continual help of the Holy Spirit, we may be enabled to resist and overcome all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Being reconciled to Thee, through faith in the atoning blood of our Redeemer, may we indeed live as those who feel that they are no longer their own, but His. In His righteousness only may we ever look for acceptance with Thee, and as His servants, purchased for Himself with His own blood, may we walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

And grant, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, that as we pass on towards our eternal home, we may continually grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Grant unto us more and more of the mind that was in Him. May we be more and more transformed into His image by

Thy Holy Spirit, working in our hearts. O that all our words and ways, our tempers and affections, our habits and pursuits may be entirely such as become those who bear the name of CHRIST; and thus may it be manifest that we are not of the world. Enable us to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of CHRIST; to pray without ceasing, and constantly to live as those who know neither the day nor the hour when the LORD shall come.

And hear us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, in behalf of those whom we desire to remember before Thy mercy seat. Be gracious to our relations, friends and neighbours. Give them the same blessings which we ask for ourselves. Lead those of them who are yet wandering from Thee, to the knowledge of Thyself; and enable those who are already serving Thee to press forward earnestly and humbly in Thy ways.

Have mercy on the whole Church; let not heresies and false doctrines disturb its peace, nor schisms and causeless divisions weaken it; but grant us to be of one heart and one mind in serving Thee. Frustrate the designs of Satan; and let him not prevail to turn aside Thy people from the ways of truth.

O LORD, save the Queen. Grant that she may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way; give her, we beseech Thee, all those heavenly graces that are requisite for so high a trust, and make her a blessed instrument of protecting and advancing Thy truth. Guide the minds of all who are in authority under her.

Give them an earnest desire to do that which is right, and teach them how they may best serve their sovereign and their country and please Thee. Strengthen their hands for good; and prosper them in all such undertakings as may promote the welfare of Thy Church and the glory of Thy name.

Have mercy on Thy ministers. Keep them stedfast in the faith, and make them zealous for Thy truth. Order their steps according to Thy word; and let an abundant blessing rest upon their ministrations. May great grace be upon those who preach to the Jew and to the heathen the unsearchable riches of CHRIST. Guide and uphold them amidst all their dangers and difficulties; and grant that through their means, the gospel of our LORD JESUS CHRIST may have free course and be glorified throughout the world.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, most merciful GOD: pardon the imperfections of these our prayers, forgive the sin that is mixed up with all our holiest services. May we all learn to apply with increased constancy and thankfulness and faith, to the blood of JESUS CHRIST, which cleanseth from all sin; and thus looking unto Thee, according to Thy will, and serving Thee in faith and love and patient hope, during all the days of our appointed time, may we be found ready when our change shall come.

Grant these blessings, O merciful Father, and all things that may be needful for our souls and bodies, now and evermore, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, our

only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to Thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee and have mercy upon us.

Day after day utters its speech, and night after night again proclaims how good Thou art, and how unworthy we are of the least of all Thy mercies and Thy truth which Thou hast shown to Thy servants. Lord, we call ourselves Thy servants, but alas! how unworthy we are of that name. Oh that Thy good Spirit may guide us into that love of Thee, and that comfortable persuasion of Thy love to us in Christ, that we may yield ourselves entirely to Thee, and all that is within us, and all that we possess, as instruments of righteousness to do Thy blessed will. Oh give us increased understanding in the ways of godliness; quicken us in Thy way. Enlarge our hearts, that with a loving, cheerful zeal, we may run in the way of Thy commandments, and finish at length our earthly course with joy.

But, O LORD, we are set in the midst of many and great dangers, and by reason of our sin, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us; be Thou to us, for Thy dear Son's sake, a GOD of patience and of consolation, a GOD of love and peace, our strength in weakness and a very present help in trouble. May we walk in the light, as Thou art in the light, and may the blood of JESUS CHRIST Thy Son cleanse us from all sin. Oh make us watchful against everything that is sinful in deed, or word, or thought. Keep especially our tongues from evil, our lips from speaking guile. Set a watch before the door of our lips, that we may give utterance to no word which may in any way be hurtful to our neighbour, or in any way unworthy of the holy vocation wherewith we are called. May our speech be alway with grace, and such as may minister grace to the hearer. Subdue in us, O most holy LORD, all that is envious, or malicious or deceitful; grant that we may grudge no one the good things which he may possess, nor ever be lifted up with pride or vain glory on account of any advantage we may possess ourselves. Keep our spirits humble. Exercise Thy Fatherly goodness in chastising us for what Thou seest amiss in us; only correct us with judgment, not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing. Give unto us tender consciences, fearful of offending Thee, and ever accounting Thy displeasure the worst of all evils. Give us grace to be

strictly just in all our dealings with our fellow men, to take no unfair advantage of any one, and as much as in us lies, to live peaceably with all men. While we have opportunity may we do good unto all men, specially unto them who are Thy faithful and believing people. Forgive our sin in having lost so much time, and misused so many opportunities of usefulness heretofore. Grant that the rest of our days may be suitably employed; and, oh remember not against us the sins of our youth.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy Church in continual godliness: let all contention cease among those who profess Thy holy name. May they agree in the truth of Thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. Bless the labours of all Thy faithful ministers, especially those of Thy servant who watches for our souls. May we esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake; and may we, and many of our neighbours with us, prove his joy and crown of rejoicing in the day of the LORD JESUS. Oh that we, and those dear to us, may find mercy of the LORD in that day. O LORD, Thou author of peace and lover of concord, let there be peace throughout the world. Let the gospel of Thy Son go forth with power among the nations, and be glorified. Let multitudes be blessed in Him, yea, let all nations call Him blessed. May Thy blessing, most merciful LORD, rest upon our country, hitherto so favored of Thee yet so ungrateful. May a deep sense of Thy long-suffering lead us to

repentance; and as there are those in our land that sigh and that cry for the iniquities that are wrought therein, oh be not Thou angry against the prayer of Thy people; Spare us, good Lord, and we will show forth Thy praise.

And now unto Thee who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy, to Thee, the only wise God our Saviour, we would ascribe all glory, and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all goodness, assist us in the supplications which we would now make before Thee, and direct us to ask only those things which Thou seest to be really good for us.

Let us not set our love on the world, nor upon the things that are in the world. We know how vain are its promises, how fleeting are its delights, how multiplied its dangers, how deceitful its rewards. Comfort us, under the ills we may meet with, by the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, and in the place of

the good things of this world fill our souls with Thy love. Enable us to rest in Thee, and teach us that it is Thou alone who givest that true peace which no storm can destroy. In all our troubles and adversities, give us a calm confidence in Him whom the winds and the sea obey. If called upon to pass through deep waters, and affliction assail us on every hand, yet Thou canst support us in every trial and canst quiet every storm. And, O LORD, increase our faith, that however high the waves may rise, and however distant all help may seem, we may know that Thou art with us and in due time wilt quiet every fear, with the all-powerful word "Peace, be still." And as by Thy power, we are kept in all dangers, so in Thy cause, prepare us to endure all hardships: for Thy sake, let us be ready to forsake all that we have, content even if, like our Master, we have not where to lay our head. Give us a right estimate of human hopes and fears; that so being delivered from all earthly cares, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found.

In all our intercourse with the world, give us to see of how little moment are its favours, or its frowns, when compared with the infinite worth of the soul. We know that it calls evil good, and good evil; that it puts darkness for light, and light for darkness; and we bless Thee for that glorious gospel, which shall put all its delusions to flight. Let us search

the Scriptures daily, that we may prove all things and hold fast that which is good. Help us to examine all things in the light of eternity; and to anticipate the judgment we shall ourselves pass on earthly interests in that day, when the throne shall be set, and the books shall be opened; and the dead, small and great, shall stand before God. Oh! may the thought of that day constantly be on our minds. May it solemnize all our thoughts, and moderate all our joys; teaching us to use this world as not abusing it; knowing that the fashion of this world passeth away.

Give us, we pray Thee, a right understanding of Thy holy word, and enable us to take it as a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path to guide our feet in the way of righteousness.

Finally, we pray for the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the accomplishment of the number of Thine elect. Lord, plead Thine own cause in the world. Send forth the rod of Thy strength out of Zion, and let the knowledge of Thy salvation be made known to the ends of the earth. We beseech Thee to have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word. Let Thy name be again magnified from the border of Israel; bring again Thy dispersed ones to Thy holy mountain; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true

Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O ever-blessed GOD, look down, we beseech Thee, upon us Thy weak and sinful creatures. Our sins would keep us back from Thee, but we are encouraged by Thy gracious Word to come into Thy presence. Give us grace to draw near this night with true and trusting hearts. We would come as dear children to a loving Father; for doubtless Thou art our Father, O LORD GOD. Has not our blessed Saviour taught us to address Thee as such? Hast Thou not given us the spirit of adoption? O enable us, then, to lift up to Thee holy hands, and at the close of another day to offer to Thee our evening sacrifice of filial adoration and prayer.

We bless Thee for all Thy mercies. We bless Thee for the many comforts which Thou hast given us this day; for the food we have eaten, the raiment we are clothed with, the friends who love us, the habitation we dwell in. All these call for our lively gratitude; but Thou hast given us, O Father, better

things than these. How shall we thank Thee for the precious gift of Thy dear Son, the Saviour of our souls from sin and death? Give us a deep sense of this Thy wondrous act of love: help us to love Thee, because Thou hast first loved us; help us to praise Thee with the souls which Thou hast delivered from the pit of corruption. Our bodies and our souls are Thine; the strength of our hands and the affections of our hearts, and the thoughts of our minds, are all Thine, and to Thee would we devote them all. We are persuaded that it is our happiness and our honour to serve Thee; give us grace then to choose happiness by choosing Thee. Make the world, O LORD, seem less desirable, and heaven more attractive. Draw us, we beseech Thee, to Thyself, yea, draw us by the bands of love, not to be broken or resisted. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and in this sad and dangerous world be Thou our salvation and our chief joy.

And now, gracious Father, forgive us, we beseech Thee, all the sins of the past day. We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; but pardon our wanderings for Thy name's sake, and seek Thy servants, for we do not forget Thy commandments. We plead the atoning sacrifice of the LORD our Redeemer, and in His name we wait for Thy salvation.

Take us, we beseech Thee, under Thy Fatherly care for the coming night. Let Thy holy angels keep

guard around us, and may we enjoy the sleep which Thou givest to Thy beloved.

Let Thy pitiful eyes also behold all the sorrowful children of men who are suffering this night from sickness or any other adversity. We desire ever to remember the afflicted, as being ourselves also in the body; and we would earnestly entreat Thy mercy for them, both this and every other night. We beseech Thy blessing also upon all whom we love. Bless them all, O LORD, with that blessing which maketh rich, and to which no sorrow is added. All our prayers and praises we humbly offer up to Thee, in the name of JESUS CHRIST our great Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we Thine unworthy servants desire to praise Thy name which is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory which is above the heavens. Thou art the maker and disposer of all things; for Thy pleasure they are and were created; we are the work of Thy power; may we indeed be partakers of Thy grace, created anew in CHRIST JESUS unto righteousness and true holiness. As Thou

hast formed us for Thyself, enable us to show forth Thy praise; and while continually living upon Thy bounty, may we truly serve and glorify Thee.

But, alas, O LORD our GOD, we have not yielded Thee that glory which Thou justly requirest. We are prone to forget Thee, who art never unmindful of us; and to disobey Thee, whose goodness to us is unwearied.

We desire, therefore, to humble ourselves before Thee for the sinfulness of our nature, and the iniquities of our lives; and do Thou for the sake of Thy dear Son, produce in us true repentance, and grant us full and free forgiveness of all our transgressions.

Strengthen us, O LORD, with all might, by Thy Spirit in the inner man; make us watchful against, and enable us to overcome, the corruptions of our own hearts, the temptations of Satan, and the sinful cares and allurements of the world. O destroy in us every vicious inclination, every evil habit and sinful affection. Increase and confirm in us more and more, Thy faith, and fear, and love. Produce in us all the fruits of the Spirit; and make us so conformed to the image of Thy holiness, that our lives may be peaceful to ourselves, profitable to others, and may glorify Thy great name.

We bless Thee for the rest, protection and preservation of the past night. O cause us to hear of Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust; make us to know the way wherein we should

go, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Be with us this day; may we always be found in the way of duty, fearing God, and working righteousness: and may we thus evince to all, that we have indeed been with Jesus, and have learned of Him; that we are influenced by His Spirit, guided by His example, and pressing forward to His kingdom.

Day by day would we magnify Thee, O Lord, and worship Thy name, who crownest us with tender mercies. Cast us not away from Thy presence; take not Thy Holy Spirit from us; but direct our hearts into Thy love, and our feet into the way of Thy testimonies. Whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all to Thy glory, and walk as seeing Thee who art invisible. Let Thy angels encamp around us and bear us in their hands; and be Thou, O our God, the strength of our hearts, the light of our path, and our portion for ever.

We ask it for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose name and words we further call upon Thee, saying,

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O God, the day is Thine; the night also is Thine. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice; the heavens declare Thy glory; the earth

is full of Thy riches, and so is the great and wide sea. Thou art the Maker and Preserver of all things. We are the creatures of Thy power, and the children of Thy hand. But we have sinned against Thee and are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and all the truth which Thou hast shewed us. We have rebelled against the light; we have resisted the demands of Thy law, the warnings of Thy providence, and the calls of the gospel of peace; we have neglected Thy great salvation and deserve that Thy wrath should come upon us as children of disobedience.

But we are yet in the land of the living and under a dispensation of hope. We flee for refuge to that Saviour, who was made a ransom for us, and himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree. O that we may be found in Him, and know the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. May we not only be justified by His blood and saved from wrath, through Him; but may His Spirit enable us to subdue our iniquities.

Deliver us, we pray Thee, from the habits and dispositions of men in the world, who have their portion in this life. May we live in the world as strangers and pilgrims, and pass the time of our sojourning here in fear; remembering we have here no continuing city, may we seek one to come; and in all the changing scenes of time, look for a better and enduring substance in heaven.

Support us in all the trials of this life by Thy continual presence; take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Be Thou ever with us to guide us, or we shall every moment go astray. Thy power is our only safeguard. O Thou that savest them that put their trust in Thee, be Thou our strength in weakness, and make us conquerors in every conflict. O never let us deny Thee; establish our hearts with grace, and deliver our feet from falling; and may we be sincere and without offence, until the day of CHRIST.

These are great blessings: but Thou hast encouraged us to hope. We plead Thy command and Thy promise, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you." We come now in the name of Him who ever intercedeth for us. Him Thou hearest always—and to Him with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be endless and unceasing praise.

Our Father, &c.
The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD GOD Almighty, be pleased in mercy to look down upon us, unworthy sinners; and for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, the righteous, accept our prayers and supplications.

We are utterly unworthy of the privilege of drawing

near unto Thee. We have indeed grievously sinned against Thy Divine Majesty, and have abundant reason to be covered with shame and confusion of face, when we reflect upon our numberless transgressions in thought, word and deed. O give unto us true repentance, even repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of. Forgive, we beseech Thee, all our manifold sins, negligences and ignorances. Pardon all our transgressions, heal our souls, and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Holy word.

Make us truly thankful to Thee, O God, for preserving us through the night past, and raising us up from our beds in health, peace, and safety; and affording us the renewed privilege of drawing near unto Thee. May it please thee to be our guardian and our guide this day. We are in a world where dangers ever threaten both our bodies and our souls; and Thou, Lord, only canst effectually defend and save us. *We have to wrestle not only with flesh and blood, but with principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness in this world. Take us, therefore, under Thy care.* Watch over us for good; and vouchsafe us Thy blessing in all our lawful undertakings. Teach us to set Thee continually before us. In all our ways may we acknowledge Thee: and do Thou direct our paths.

Grant, Lord, that our necessary engagements in this world may never make us unmindful of another, or cause us to loiter in our spiritual course; but may

we have grace so to pursue things temporal, that we lose not finally the things which are eternal.

Create and increase in us a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. May we daily desire to know more of Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. O leave us not to pride ourselves in the name of Christians, while destitute of the Spirit of Christ, and unacquainted with him as the hope of glory; but may we continually attain increasing fellowship with Thee through the Son of Thy love, and be more habitually conformed to His divine example.

Keep us this day, O Lord, in Thy fear, and in the path of duty; may our thoughts, words and actions be under Thy governance. Preserve us from temptation, or deliver us if tempted. May our conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ, in all sobriety, godliness and honesty; and whatever we do in word or deed, may we do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God and the Father through Him.

Lord, make us thankful for all Thy blessings in providence and grace. May the streams of goodness which flow around us, lead us to look to Thee, the fountain, with love and gratitude unfeigned.

Hear us, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour, in whose holy Name and comprehensive form of words we now conclude our requests unto Thee, saying,

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

At the close of another day, and of another week, we come before Thee, O LORD, to present our prayers and praises in the name of Thy beloved Son.

Much have we to praise Thee for, and much to ask of Thee. We praise Thee for protection and preservation; for the blessings of Thy watchful providence; and for freedom from sickness and suffering and want. And even when called to endure affliction, we praise Thee that we have not suffered as we deserved, but that Thy judgments have been tempered with love. O how great is Thy love to us! What could have been done for us, that Thou hast not done, O LORD, and yet we have been rebellious and ungrateful! Soften our hard and stony hearts, we pray Thee. Enable us to love Thee, and praise Thee, and serve Thee as we ought! Give us that godly sorrow for sin which worketh repentance not to be repented of. Give us an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, to make us holy and spiritual, to enable us to render Thee the obedience of loving children.

Let the power of the Holy Ghost subdue in us all carnal affections, so that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to Thy glory. Relieve our minds from all carefulness about the things of this

world; and may the desire of our souls be, to glorify Thee—to live in the light of Thy countenance—and to be witnesses for CHRIST, in a world that lieth in wickedness.

Teach us to praise Thee, O our GOD. So satisfy us with the knowledge and enjoyment of CHRIST, that all that is within us may bless Thy holy name, and rejoice in hope of Thy glory. Teach us Thy way, O LORD. Make the path of duty plain before our face. Leave us not to ourselves, we beseech Thee; nor allow us to lean to our own devices. The flesh lusteth against the Spirit. We love ease and indulgence, when Thou dost call us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Give us, we implore Thee, the mind and courage of faithful soldiers. Enable us to fight against our spiritual enemies; endue us with strength for the battle. Be Thou, O LORD, the conqueror in us, and for us; that having overcome through Thy grace, Thy Name may have all the glory, and we the enjoyment of Thy peace in our hearts.

We pray of Thee, gracious LORD, to prepare our hearts for Thy service on the approaching Sabbath, if it be Thy will that we should be spared to see it. Enable us, this night, to lay aside all worldly care and occupation, that the things of earth may not be mixed with the service of heaven. Teach Thy servants whom Thou hast called to the ministry of Thy Word, that they may teach others the saving truths

of the gospel of CHRIST. And, O, may our lives be a preparation for that eternal sabbath which remains for the people of GOD. For Thee may we live, and with Thee may we die. And do Thou so reveal to us the Saviour's coming glory, that we may long for His return on earth.

O LORD, pity our weakness; and raise us from our low estate. Let that love which gave JESUS for us, give us all spiritual blessings for His sake.

Not for our worthiness, do we ask these things, O LORD, but for the sake of JESUS who alone is worthy. To Him, with Thyself and the Holy Spirit, be everlasting praise. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FOURTH WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O God, Thou art our God; early will we seek Thee; hearken unto the voice of our calling, our King and our God, for unto Thee will we direct our prayer and look up.

Blessed be Thy name that Thou hast permitted us to approach unto Thee, and encouraged us to come boldly to the throne of grace. Be gracious unto us, through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for His sake receive our prayers and supplications, and send us not empty away.

Thou hast mercifully preserved us once more through the night-season, and restored us to the light of another day. O make us truly grateful to Thee, and enable us to show forth Thy praise. And as it is Thine own day, enable us to rejoice in it and devote it to Thy service. May it be indeed a Sabbath to us; a day of rest from sin and worldly cares, as well as from worldly employments.

Preserve us from a light and trifling spirit, from sinful and vain discourse, from bodily drowsiness and sluggishness of soul. Raise our thoughts and affections to things above; and quicken our desires after our heavenly inheritance. Be graciously present with us, in public and in private. Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight. Be pleased, especially, to be with us in Thy house of prayer; pour out upon us the Spirit of grace and of supplication; enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, and graciously hear and answer us for the sake of Thy beloved Son.

O let Thy word be profitable unto us. Teach us to know the joyful sound, and to rejoice in it. May our souls be satisfied in Thy house as with marrow and fatness, that our mouths may praise Thee with joyful lips.

Let Thy blessing rest abundantly this day upon all Thy ministering servants and waiting people. Prepare their hearts to seek Thee, and answer them according to the multitude of Thy mercies. May the word preached have great success, and be rendered effectual to the salvation of multitudes. O pity those who are destitute of the means of grace, and pardon all who neglect the opportunities with which they are favored. Turn their hearts, and give them repentance unto life. Bless us as a family. May Thy peace be vouchsafed to this house, and Thy fear and love rule and direct all our hearts.

Remember for good all our dear friends, relations, and neighbours; forgive our enemies and turn their hearts.

O send out Thy light and Thy truth through all the world; convert the heathen to the knowledge of Thy ways. Have mercy on Thine ancient people, the Jews, and let Thy saving health be known to all nations.

With these our prayers, accept, heavenly Father the tribute of our thanks for all Thy favours to us; great and manifold are they, we cannot number them. LORD, lead us to reflect upon them more and more, and may our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise for the unspeakable gift of Thy dear Son JESUS CHRIST, and the rich provision Thou hast made for our salvation in Him.

In His name we would offer these our prayers and praises; LORD, accept them for His sake, and hear us while we use those words wherein He has taught us to address Thee, as

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High; to

show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night.

We have this evening to praise Thee for the blessings not only of another day, but of another Sabbath. We bless Thee that Thou hast ordained such a portion of our time to be set apart for Thy more immediate service and our spiritual benefit. We bless Thee for the opportunities we have enjoyed this day of repairing to Thy sanctuary, to mingle our prayers and praises with the devotions of Thy people, and to hear the words of eternal life. O forgive the weakness and imperfections of our service this day and in times past; all our neglect of Thy Sabbaths, our unprofitable attendance on the means of grace, the worldliness of our minds,—all the sinfulness of our holy things. We have each of us continual occasion to cry out, "My soul cleaveth unto the dust; quicken Thou me according to Thy Word." Do Thou in mercy render the impressions produced upon us this day deep and durable. May it appear that we have not received the grace of God in vain; but that Thy Word in us is as good seed sown in good ground, and bringing forth fruit, in some an hundred-fold, in some sixty, in some thirty. Let us not be in the number of those who are ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth; may we never rest in a mere system of doctrine, that does not teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for the glorious appearing of

the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. May we live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit; not relying only on our own convictions and resolutions, but be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

And suffer us not to confine our religion to extraordinary occasions, but help us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways. May we never limit our devotion to particular seasons, but be in the fear of the Lord all day long. May we be godly not only on the Sabbath, but in the week; not only in the house of God, but in our own. May our piety be not only a habit, but a nature,—the life of God in our souls. And at last by Thy grace and guidance, may we enter that world where there is no temple, but the glory of God and of the Lamb is the temple thereof.

Look in mercy upon those who have this day been deprived of the public means of grace by sickness or infirmity. Let them know that Thou art not confined to temples made with hands, and satisfy their souls with Thine immediate presence and blessing. Pity those who have wilfully profaned Thy Sabbath and neglected the opportunities afforded them; show them their danger before it is too late, and bring them into Thy fold before the door of mercy is closed for ever.

Bless all who are connected with us by the ties of kindred or friendship. Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also and lift them up for ever.

Regard us as a nation. Inspire all ranks and degrees of men among us with a love of that righteousness which exalteth a nation; and deliver us from that sin which is a reproach to any people. Spread Thy Gospel through all the world; let Thy way be known on earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

We now commit ourselves into Thy hands. Guard us from every evil to which we are exposed. If it should please Thee to call us hence this night, may we awake in glory; or if Thou shouldst continue our lives, may we rise in health and comfort, to pay Thee the homage of a grateful heart, in the course of cheerful obedience.

And prepare us at length for the rest that remains for Thy people, in which we shall join the general assembly and Church of the first-born, in ascribing blessing and honour, and glory and power, to Him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O God, our merciful Father in heaven, we come before Thee this morning desiring again to put

ourselves under Thy protection; that we may be kept in safety this day, from the evils which otherwise might befal us.

Thou knowest that we are set in the midst of many and great perils; and that such is our weakness, that we are no longer secure from them, than while we are under Thy safeguard. Look, therefore, mercifully upon our infirmities, and in the midst of all our dangers stretch forth Thy hand to help and defend us.

Supply also, we beseech Thee, all our necessities. Thou, O LORD, seest the end from the beginning, and discernest what is good for us better than we ourselves. We would therefore commit all our affairs unto Thee; praying Thee to grant us such measures of health and strength and of the blessings of this life, as Thou knowest to be most conducive to our eternal welfare. And grant us grace to exercise such a faithful reliance on Thy wisdom and goodness, that we may thankfully receive what Thou shalt be pleased to give; and remain patient and contented without that, which Thou shalt be pleased to withhold.

Leave us not, O LORD, destitute of the blessings of Thy heavenly grace. Excite in us a hearty sorrow for the offences which we have committed against Thee: and such a fear and hatred of sin, that we may henceforth stand at the greatest distance from it, and dread nothing so much as being brought again under its dominion.

Confirm our minds in faith; that we may live in the patient waiting, and preparation for the coming of our LORD; that we may be fully persuaded of the truth of Thy promises; and, entertaining the joyful hope which they inspire, may purify ourselves from all pollutions of the flesh and of the spirit. As Thou hast taught us, that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send Thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. May we have the happy evidence that we have passed from death unto life, in that we love our brethren with a pure heart fervently.

Be Thou to us this day as a sun to enlighten, and as a shield to protect us; and let a sense of Thy presence and Thy favor towards us keep us in Thy fear and love.

Look graciously, O Thou Preserver of men, upon the whole race of mankind. O Thou who art the helper of the helpless, look upon such as call upon Thee for succour and protection, and be to them a very present help in trouble; establish such as stand; strengthen the weak, restore the wandering; enlighten the ignorant; reclaim the vicious.

We commend ourselves, our friends and relations and all our fellow-creatures to Thy mercy this day and ever, through the mediation of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Father, &c.
The Grace, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Almighty Father, who art about our path and about our bed, always present and acquainted with all our ways, we beseech Thee to make us ever mindful of Thy presence. Give us such a knowledge of Thy grace and glory in CHRIST JESUS, and such an acquaintance with Thyself, that we may evermore delight in Thee, and find in Thy presence fulness of joy. Grant us to know the rich privilege of communion with our Almighty Friend, whose ear is ever open to our cry, and whose hand is ever ready to help and defend us.

We acknowledge together before Thee, that in the past day we have all, in many things, offended in Thy sight, especially by forgetfulness of Thee, by impenitence in our sins, by unbelief, by worldliness, and by neglect of Thy glory. We have sinned by forsaking Thy ways, and by turning every one to our own.

Enable us all to see this our sinfulness in Thy light, and truly to believe each one in his own heart, that JESUS is the only, the all-sufficient propitiation for our sins; and give unto us simple, and true, and lively faith in His atonement. Oh let us all behold the

Lamb of GOD, which taketh away the sin of the world; and looking unto JESUS, give us to find peace and joy, righteousness and strength.

O LORD, we thank Thee, and give Thee glory, for all the many mercies which we enjoy. It is through Thy goodness that we have been taught to acknowledge and worship Thee, to value Thy truth, and to seek to conduct ourselves as becomes a Christian household. We bless Thee for every mercy, for all our domestic comforts. We thank Thee for the good word of Thy truth, that every one may hear and read in his own tongue the wonderful works of GOD.

But above all, we thank Thee for Thy best gift, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. O make Him daily more precious to our souls, and make us daily more like unto Him in all things, through the quickening, transforming, and sanctifying grace of Thy Spirit, freely given to all through Him.

Bless, we beseech Thee, all mankind. Bless especially our Church and our country, and the Church of CHRIST everywhere. Unite Thy people as a family throughout the world. Multiply the peacemakers, and put an end to strife, debate and divisions among Thy children. Fulfil Thy promises to the Jews, and speedily discover to them JESUS as their Messiah. Bless our parish, our relations, our Christian friends. Do good to them that hate and injure us, even the best good by converting and renewing their souls. Multiply blessings on our benefactors, and on all who

pray for us. We ask all for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O merciful God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son, Christ our Lord, enable us with a grateful sense of our adoption into Thy family, to have boldness to call Thee, Abba, Father.

We do not presume to come to Thy footstool, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy, and whose delight is ever to answer prayer.

O Lord, we ask not for outward prosperity, for Thou knowest what we have need of and art wont to give more than we either desire or deserve. But we pray that Thy name may be magnified; that Thy kingdom may be spread; that Thy grace may rule in all our hearts; and that Thy righteousness may be manifested through all the world.

Do with us as Thou wilt; only enrich us both here

and hereafter with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS.

Give us, we pray Thee, a well grounded sense of our reconciliation with Thee; and may we have the witness of Thy Spirit that we are at peace with Thee. Make our faith strong, and our repentance deep; our conversation holy and our hearts pure; let our cares be cast on Thee, and our best hopes be laid up in heaven.

Furthermore, we pray for a blessing on the reading of Thy holy word. Teach us to understand in all its spirituality and breadth Thy pure and perfect law. Let us remember that Thy commandment reaches to every impure thought, and that Thou lookest upon the heart. Make us therefore, O LORD, to delight in Thy law after the inward man. Give us grace to love Thee, above all things and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Enable us to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us; that so we may be the children of Thee, our Father which art in heaven, who causest Thy sun to rise and Thy rain to fall alike on the evil and on the good. LORD, give unto us the faith which is the foundation of all gifts, and the charity which is the bond of all graces.

And now, LORD, we pray that Thy presence may go with us this day; may the light of Thy countenance shine upon our path, and all our plans be blessed by Thee. Preserve us from that covetousness which is idolatry; from all desire for unjust gains; from all

discontent with the appointments of Thy providence: and from all that love of the things of this life which would endanger our hopes for the life eternal. And grant that, among the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, and finally obtain a part in Thine everlasting promises, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Most glorious GOD, who dwellest in light inaccessible to mortal man, and with whom a thousand years are as one day, may the return of night remind us how short our time is, and how soon we must finally close our eyes on all things here below. Suffer us not, we beseech Thee, to neglect that which is the most important work of life; but may we be so deeply impressed with the vanity and uncertainty of temporal things, and the reality, nearness and importance of eternal things, that we may indeed live as strangers and pilgrims on earth, and seek a heavenly inheritance with our warmest affections and most persevering diligence. May the thoughts of death and judgment be so continually present to our minds, that we may be

excited to fervency in prayer, and earnestness in all the means of grace; that we may renounce every sinful habit, and live as those who have here no continuing city but seek one to come.

Enable us, O LORD, to acknowledge Thy hand, and to submit to Thy righteousness, in all the troubles of life. Give us such a knowledge of Thy holy law and of its spiritual demands, that we may be deeply sensible of our own exceeding sinfulness and be humbled before Thee in true repentance. May we never attempt to cover our transgressions, or justify ourselves in Thy sight; but so judge ourselves, that we may not be condemned at Thy awful tribunal. Enable us to believe Thy gospel with living faith; and continually to come unto Thee who art the only source of life and happiness, through the righteousness of our great High Priest who ever liveth to make intercession for us. O give us that confidence in Thy forgiving love, which may stir up in us love, gratitude and zeal, may prompt us to give up ourselves to Thy service without reserve, and make us stedfast, unmoveable, and always abounding in Thy work. O Thou heart searching GOD, the imperfections and defilements of the past day and of our whole lives are open to Thy view; our vain thoughts, idle words, and sinful tempers, our selfish desires and manifold omissions of duty may well leave us speechless and self-condemned before Thee. Apply to our consciences, we earnestly entreat Thee, that atoning blood which cleanseth from all sin: leave us

not to doubt through the weakness of our faith, nor suffer us to abuse Thy grace by any allowed disobedience.

We now commend ourselves, and all belonging to us, unto Thy gracious protection. Be Thou our strong tower, and help us to take refuge under the shadow of Thy wings. Preserve us from outward calamities, and from the assaults of our spiritual enemies. May we indeed be prepared to meet Thee our God, should we be called hence this night; and if spared to awake in peace, and arise with the returning day, may we devote ourselves afresh to Thy worship and service; and thus may we wait all the days of our appointed time, till our change come, with calm submission, vigilant circumspection, patient continuance in well doing and increasing meetness for Thine heavenly kingdom. We ask these and all other mercies from Thee our gracious Father, for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ; whom, with Thee and the eternal Spirit, we would adore as the God of our salvation, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy mercies to us-ward! They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.

What shall we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits! Let our souls bless Thee; let all that is within us praise Thy holy name, who savest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving-kindness.

We are ashamed for our own ingratitude and vileness, and for our abuse of these Thy mercies. We have not rendered unto Thee according to Thy goodness; we have not glorified Thee as God, neither have we been thankful. O Lord, pardon our iniquity, and heal our backslidings. Look upon the face of Thine anointed. Remember His sufferings and hearken to His intercession in our behalf. Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

Let Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Vouchsafe us the influence of Thy good Spirit to enlighten, direct, comfort, sanctify, and preserve us. Endue us with zeal for Thy glory, and with unfeigned love and goodwill towards all mankind. Make us humble and patient in our tempers, upright and sincere in our dealings, and holy in all manner of conversation. May we be active in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Help us to understand, and enable us to fulfil, the duties of our respective callings and stations, that we may study to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, and show that we have not received Thy grace in vain.

We implore Thy fatherly care and protection this

day. Keep us, we pray Thee, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls. Preserve us in the hour of temptation. Deliver us from the evils which we feel or fear. Let Thy grace in all things be sufficient for us, and Thy strength be perfected in our weakness.

Be merciful to mankind in general, and shed abroad the light of Thy truth upon their hearts. Bless and defend Thy Church, and add to it daily such as shall be saved. Be gracious to our friends and relations, and unite them together with us in the bonds of Thine everlasting covenant. Look with compassion on all the afflicted and distressed, especially on those who mourn in Zion.

Hear our supplications, O LORD, and accept our services, through the intercession of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, who hath graciously taught us thus to pray,

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, who hast breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, pour down upon us, we humbly beseech Thee, the abundant influences of Thy grace, and enable us to draw near to Thee in an

acceptable manner through our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

For His sake, O LORD, and through His most precious blood-shedding, vouchsafe to pardon and blot out all our sins; and may Thy Holy Spirit assist us to mortify every sinful affection, to bring forth the fruits of holiness, and to prepare continually for that solemn season when we must all appear before Thy judgment-seat.

Deliver us, O LORD, by Thy grace, from the power of this present evil world; preserve us from the temptations of wicked men. May the light of the knowledge of Thy glory shine into our hearts, and teach us ever to live as under Thine all-seeing eye. Thou knowest our downsitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. Thou art about our path and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways; there is not a word in our tongue, but Thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether. O forgive all our past transgressions; and cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

But above all, bestow upon us some knowledge of Thine inestimable love, vouchsafed unto us, through Jesus Christ our LORD. May he indeed dwell in our hearts by faith: and being rooted and grounded in love, may we be able to comprehend the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love

of Christ, which passeth knowledge. And may that love constrain us to live no longer to ourselves, but unto Him that died for us, and rose again.

Have compassion also, we beseech Thee, on the multitudes who are perishing in ignorance of Thee. Quicken them by the power of Thy grace from their state of carelessness and indifference. Open their eyes that they may perceive their guilt and danger; shew unto them the path of life, and make them willing in the day of Thy power; that they may truly repent of all their sins and thankfully embrace that blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast revealed in Christ Jesus.

Vouchsafe Thy blessing to all who have this day attempted to spread the knowledge of Thy holy word. O Thou great Lord of the harvest, send forth we pray Thee, more labourers into Thy harvest. And hasten that time when Thou wilt give to Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance, and all the ends of the earth for His possession; when the fulness of the Gentiles shall come in, and all Israel be saved.

Be with and watch over us through the night; suffer no evil to come nigh our dwelling. Refresh us with comfortable rest, and raise us in the morning fitted for the services of another day. O may all our days be spent in Thy faith and fear, and may we at length be admitted to Thy heavenly kingdom; we ask it in the name and through the all-prevailing intercession of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our Governor, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. Thou hast set Thy glory above the heavens. Day after day, are we called upon to praise Thee, and night after night to bless Thy holy name.

Thou hast renewed our lives and Thy goodness this morning. Thou dost invite us to come to Thee for our daily bread, and to receive that provision from Thy spiritual store, which shall carry us through the day, in safety and in peace. We now come to Thee, O LORD, in the name of Jesus, our Mediator, our Advocate, our Friend. Bless us abundantly for His sake.

LORD, Thou dost call upon us to glorify Thee in the earth. Thou wouldest have us to bear testimony against the world, that the deeds and ways thereof are evil. Thy will is our sanctification. Enable us to maintain fellowship with Thee and with Thy Son Jesus. Reveal Thyself to us by the Spirit, and give us such a sense of the blessedness of communion with Thee, that we may lose all our taste and desire for earthly gratification.

Enable us to exhibit the power of godliness in our lives, controlling our passions,—subduing our tempers, —sanctifying our minds,—and regulating our actions and our words. Do Thou, the very God of peace, sanctify us wholly; and may our whole body, soul, and spirit, be brought under the will and government of the Holy Spirit. So fill us with Thy Spirit, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Give us grace to live as Thy redeemed children. Let us be more separate from the world, and wholly consecrated unto Thee. O, subdue sin in us, and bring us into perfect subjection to Thy holy will.

May we undertake nothing this day, upon which we cannot seek Thy blessing; and enable us to glorify Thee in all we do. Be Thou our sun to enlighten us—our shield to defend—our shepherd to watch over us; and feed us this day from the storehouse of Thy Word and with the living stream of the Spirit. Praise be to Thee for all that we have been allowed to enjoy, and may we still so enjoy thee, that praise shall continually be on our lips.

And, O heavenly Father, have mercy, we pray Thee, on those who hear Thy word, and loving darkness rather than light refuse to attend to the Saviour's voice, who calls them to safety and to peace. Take from them all hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word; and deliver them from the condemnation of those who knew their Lord's will, but did it not.

We pray Thee to raise up many faithful shepherds to feed Thy flock, and make them by Thy Spirit feel the Saviour precious to their own souls.

Bless us all, O LORD, according to our respective wants and necessities. Quicken those who are spiritually dead; restore those who have backslidden; confirm those who are yet undecided; and build up Thy people in their most holy faith. We ask all in the name of JESUS; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O GOD, who art over all, blessed for evermore! Thou art the Creator of all things and the all-wise governor of the creatures whom Thou hast made. The day is Thine; the night also is Thine; and Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to rejoice. To that throne from which none are ever sent empty away, we again approach, for mercy and grace to help in time of need. Let our prayer come before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Enable us to realize thine all-seeing eye; to

remember with whom we have to do and our relation to Thee, as sinners before an offended God. May we deeply feel the guilt of the sins we confess, and hunger and thirst after the blessings we implore. And while we review the numberless blessings we have received from Thy hands, may we be more than ever sensible of our unworthiness, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

He that is our God is the God of salvation, and unto God the Lord belong the issues of life or death. We bless Thee this evening as the preserver of men. Another day has been added, by Thy good Providence, to the season of Thy long-suffering, and the time of our preparation for eternity. We lament that in so many things we have offended and in all come short of the glory of God. If Thou shouldest be extreme to mark our iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? Our only relief is that there is forgiveness with Thee, and that with Thee there is plenteous redemption. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Set a watch upon our mouths; keep the door of our lips. And in simplicity and godly sincerity, may we have our conversation in the world.

We again commend ourselves to Thy care; as Thou hast been through the day our sun and shield, be Thou through the night our shade and guard. Un-

disturbed by anxieties, unalarmed by fears, may we retire and enjoy repose. Remind us, by the putting off our garments and lying down to sleep, of putting off the body and sleeping in the grave. Prepare us for the night of death, the morning of the resurrection, and the day of judgment.

All we implore is through the mediation of Him who bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be endless praise. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, who orderest all things and overrulest the wills and affections of sinful men, we beseech Thee so to dispose the course of this world, that we may serve Thee in all godly quietness.

We pray Thee to remove all the hindrances out of our path, which might prevent our attainment of everlasting felicity. And carry on, we beseech Thee, the work of grace within us. As every day gives us fresh occasions to thank Thee for Thy goodness, may every day witness in us fresh tokens of grace and amendment of life, to Thy honour and glory. Quicken our languid desires after spiritual blessings; and

make us so to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that Thy gracious promises may be fulfilled in us.

We confess with sorrow and shame, how little we have profited from the many means of improvement which it has been our privilege to possess; and how little we have adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour. O that we had served Thee more steadily and sincerely; and had more improved the time which is past and cannot be recalled. Help us, merciful Father, to be more earnest in improving that which may still remain to us; incite us to resolve to be more watchful and diligent; and confirm our good resolutions by the inspiration of divine strength. Enable us this day to avoid all such temptations as may be avoided, and steadfastly to resist all such as we must necessarily encounter. May the fear and love of Thee so possess our hearts, that no allurements may entice, and no violence drive us from the way of obedience. Let Thy grace and strength be present with us this day, and bring us to the close of it with a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men. May the love of Christ so dwell within us, that we may keep His commandments; may Thy grace so abound to us, that we may grow in faith, in hope and in charity, and become more meet to be translated to Thy heavenly kingdom.

We commit both our bodies and our souls to Thy protection this day; we beseech Thee also to preserve and bless our dear friends and neighbours, and all for

whom it is our duty to pray.

And as we desire the continuance of Thy goodness to us; so we bless and praise Thy holy name, for Thy manifold and great mercies bestowed upon us; and we beseech Thee to make us so unfeignedly thankful, that we may shew forth Thy praise, not with our lips only, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service and walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O GOD who hast brought us to the close of this day in peace and safety, we beseech Thee to receive our humble and grateful acknowledgment of Thy continual goodness towards us. Many are the perils that beset our way, which we have not wisdom to foresee, nor power to prevent; while yet by Thy merciful providence we are kept free from harm. We ascribe all the mercies which surround us, and all the deliverances we have experienced, to Thine unfailing care and kindness.

We desire again to commit ourselves to Thy protection this night, beseeching Thee to deliver us from all the dangers and evils, to which our weakness and

our sins expose us.

We implore Thy Fatherly goodness to forgive what Thou mayest have seen amiss in us this day; and to accept our imperfect services, not weighing their merits but pardoning their deficiencies, through our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

We are not able to love and serve Thee according to Thy goodness to us. Such is our proneness to sin, and such the infirmities which encompass us, that iniquity cleaves even to our holy things; and we find occasions of humility in our best performances. O Thou giver of spiritual strength, grant us power from on high, whereby we may be enabled to serve Thee with less imperfection and interruption; help us by Thy holy Spirit to press forward to better things, and to grow strong in the LORD and in the power of His might. Assist us especially to watch against and overcome the sins under the power of which we are most in danger of falling; so that they may not have dominion over us.

Enable us truly to repent of our past offences against Thee; and to place that firm reliance on Thy promises of pardon, made to penitent sinners through our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that we may be justified by faith in Him; and being so reconciled to Thee, may possess the peace of GOD which passeth all understanding.

We commend to Thy mercy the young and inexperienced, and all our dear friends and neighbours;

we beseech Thee favourably to regard the sick, the afflicted, the destitute, and the oppressed. Let Thy blessing be upon our native land; incline our rulers to act with wisdom and equity; endue the ministers of Thy holy word with knowledge and grace; grant to all orders and degrees of men among us the Spirit of true religion and virtue; and extend, we beseech Thee, the light of the gospel, which we have so long enjoyed, to all the nations of the earth.

Mercifully incline Thine ears to our humble petitions; and grant that what we have asked faithfully we may obtain effectually; not according to our worthiness, but through the mediation of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting GOD, who dwellest on high, but humblest Thyself to behold the inhabitants of the earth, look down with compassion upon us Thy unworthy creatures, now before Thy footstool.

Call us not to account for our sins and transgressions, remember not against us our iniquities; but for Thy Son JESUS CHRIST's sake, pardon and heal us.

Hear our prayers in mercy this morning; incline Thine ear to our supplications. We look to Thee alone for help and comfort; disappoint not our hope, send us not empty away.

Thou knowest, O LORD, our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; have pity upon us, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of Thy Son JESUS CHRIST, our LORD.

Blessed be Thy name, O our Father, that in Him all fulness dwells—fulness of pardon, peace, and holiness. O supply our wants out of that fulness: and may we daily receive from Him all needful grace and strength.

Pardon our deadness and backwardness in prayer, our indifference about spiritual things, and our eagerness after the things of this world; our souls cleave unto the dust; quicken Thou us, according to Thy word.

Thou hast raised us this morning from the bed of sleep; deliver us, we beseech Thee, from spiritual slumber, sloth, and negligence. Breathe, heavenly Spirit, upon our dying graces. Make us more lively in duty, and more vigorous in the way of Thy precepts, yea, enable us to lay aside every weight, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS the author and finisher of our faith.

May our eyes be ever directed to Him, as our

atonement, our righteousness, our pattern, and our guide.

Make us unfeignedly thankful for His death and passion, His resurrection, ascension, and intercession. May we be happy partakers of the benefits of His mediation. Remember us, O LORD JESUS, now that Thou art entered into Thy kingdom.

Accept this our morning tribute of praise for the favors of the past night. We might have awoke in the agonies of pain, or been roused from our beds by some melancholy and distressing tidings; whereas we are in health and peace, and surrounded with mercies. O how great is Thy goodness! Surely Thou art worthy to be praised. Bless the LORD, O our souls, and all that is within us, magnify His holy Name.

Into Thy hands we desire now to commit ourselves. Preserve us from all sin and danger. Guide us in the path of duty. Keep our tongues from evil, and our lips that they speak no guile. Uphold us that our footsteps slip not. Disappoint the designs of our spiritual adversaries, and make our souls joyful in Thy salvation; enable us to triumph over every enemy, and do exceedingly abundantly for us, above all that we can ask or think, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The Grace, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

At the close of another day, and at the end of another week, we meet together, O LORD, with thankful hearts to acknowledge Thy goodness in preserving us. Put us in remembrance, O LORD, that days and weeks, as they pass by, bring us nearer to death and eternity. We are now one week nearer to our end than we were at the close of the last. O that it may be found that we are more serious, and in a more awakened state of mind, and thereby become more meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. May we seriously reflect to-night, that man who is born of a woman hath but a short time to live and is full of misery; that he cometh up and is cut down like a flower! that he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. May each of us remember that in the midst of life we are in death. Of whom can we seek for succour but of Thee, O LORD, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O LORD GOD most holy, O LORD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest, LORD, the secrets of our hearts, shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, LORD, most holy, O GOD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy

judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

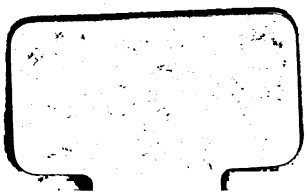
We are favoured once more, O LORD, with the prospect of the returning Sabbath. If we are spared to see it, oh that it may prove a day of rest, not only from our worldly calling, but from worldly thoughts and earthly cares. May our minds be prepared, by a solemn sense of Thy presence, for spending it to Thy glory and our own profit. May we not be suffered to waste the precious hours in our beds; but may we rise to pray to and to praise Thee. May we awake with a devout sense of Thy great goodness; and, as our Redeemer on that day arose from the dead, may we arise in holy desires to the place of His heavenly abode, and join with His servants above in showing forth the glory of His name. O LORD, suffer not the Sabbath that is coming to be spent as too many of those which are passed have been spent; but may our souls be thereby prepared for an eternal Sabbath, and may we begin to join the employments and happiness of the future world, even while we remain in this. Heavenly Father tune our hearts to sing Thy praise.

Help us, O LORD, to look forward with pleasure to those precious means of grace, which Thy Sabbath affords. May we expect, through grace, to derive more real profit and pleasure from them, than we have ever found in this vain world. We are utterly unworthy ever to see the light of another Sabbath, ever to hear another sermon, or to be told any more of a dying

Saviour's love. We are unworthy to tread Thy courts, or to join Thy people in those blessed exercises of prayer and praise, for which we were sent into this world. But, O LORD, Thy mercy is great, and we are therefore encouraged to hope that Thou wilt not take us out of this world till Thou hast fitted us for a better.

Once more into Thy gracious hands we commit our souls. O LORD, save them; wash them in the precious blood of Thy Son; sanctify them by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; and, at last, receive them into Thy everlasting kingdom, for JESUS CHRIST's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST; and the love of GOD; and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore *Amen.*

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